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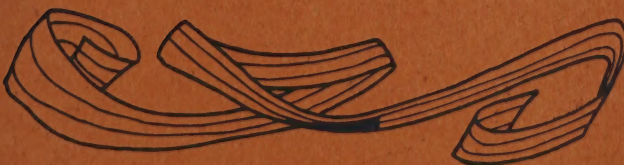
THE SELECTMEN AND OTHER

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

NEW IPSWICH, N.H.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003



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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

George H. Lawrence, Chairman	March 2004
Lance E. dePlante	March 2005
Jay Hopkins	March 2006
Cheryl Billings, Secretary	Appointed

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

James G. Boyd, Chairman	March 2004
Jeanne Cunningham	March 2005
James E. Coffey	March 2006
Joanne Meshna, Secretary	Appointed

TAX COLLECTOR

George K. Slyman, Sr.	March 2005
Lucy Lemons, Deputy	Appointed

TOWN CLERK

Lucy Lemons	March 2005
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MODERATOR

Matthew Glavey	March 2004
Laurence Ackerson, Deputy	Appointed

AUDITOR

Laurence Ackerson	March 2004
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TREASURER

Beverly Vaillancourt	March 2004
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POLICE

W. Garrett Chamberlain, Chief	Appointed
Jennifer Weston, Secretary	Appointed

FIRE

Rick Hewitt, Jr., Chief

March 2004

ROAD AGENT

David Leel

Appointed

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Celia Wright

March 2004

Renee Blanchette

March 2006

Connie Cooke

March 2008

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Berneice Peakes

March 2004

Jean Randall

March 2005

Barbara Carlson

March 2006

PLANNING BOARD

Woody Meiszner, Chairman

March 2004

Robert Ashmead

March 2004

Elizabeth Freeman

March 2005

Oliver Niemi

March 2005

Jacqueline Rager

March 2006

Glenn Connell

March 2006

George H. Lawrence, Selectmen's Representative

Joanne Meshna, Alternate and Secretary

James Moser, Resigned

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Susan Williams, Chairman

March 2005

David Cotzin

March 2004

Clark Baldwin

March 2006

Toni Lovell

March 2005

Greg Hanselman

March 2005

James Coffey, Alternate

Joanne Meshna, Alternate and Secretary

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appointed

Bob Boynton, Chairman	2006
Jack Messe	2004
Douglas Waitt	2004
Harvey Green	2005
Daniel Daly	2005
Friedericke Kazo	2006
Stanley Kellogg, Alternate	
Nathaniel Ober, Alternate	
Joanne Meshna, Alternate and Secretary	
Hannelore Slyman, Associate	
Graham Messe, Associate	
Mary Jane Grasty, Associate	

HEALTH OFFICER

Board of Selectmen

WELFARE OFFICER

Board of Selectmen
Cheryl Billings, resigned

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Richard Caravella	Appointed
John Halloran, resigned	

BUILDING PERMIT OFFICER

George H. Lawrence	Appointed
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POOL

Grace Shaw, Director	Appointed
Cindy Haigh, Aquatic Programs Manager	Appointed

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Nathaniel Ober, Chairman	March 2004
David Howard	March 2005
Al Jenks	March 2006
Oliver Niemi, Jr., resigned	

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

William Edmonds, Director	Appointed
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STEARNS-BURTON LECTURE

Beverly Vaillancourt	Appointed
Kathy Gauvin	Appointed
Mary Hall	Appointed

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

William Edmonds, Chairman	Appointed
George "Butch" Leel	Appointed
Emanuel Pinkney	Appointed
Oliver Niemi	Appointed

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Suzan Schafer, Chairman	Appointed
Kenneth Mogensen	Appointed
Brian Somero	Appointed
Lance E. dePlante, Selectmen's Representative	

SEXTON

Oliver Niemi, Jr.	Appointed
David Howard, resigned	

LANDFILL CLOSURE COMMITTEE

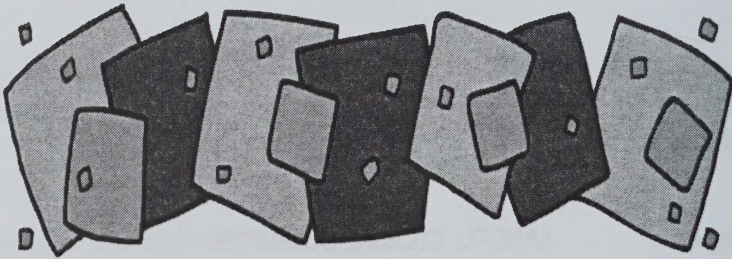
John Cooke, Chairman	Appointed
Gary Somero	Appointed
George Leel	Appointed
David Leel	Appointed
Jay Hopkins, Selectmen's Representative	
Jeffrey MacGillivray, resigned	
Fred Meshna, resigned	

OLD TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

Laurence Ackerson, Chairman	Appointed
Wendy Archambault	Appointed
Beverly Vaillancourt	Appointed
Mary Hall	Appointed
Patty Hoffman	Appointed
Charles Aho	Appointed
Rick Hewitt, Jr.	Appointed
Charles Aho	Appointed
Lance E. dePlante , Selectmen's Representative	

MONADNOCK CABLE TELEVISION CONSORTIUM

David E. Peakes	Appointed
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2004 TOWN WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH

To the inhabitants of the Town of New Ipswich in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Mascenic High School in New Ipswich on the 5th day of February, 2004 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening for the first session (Deliberative Session) of the Annual Town Meeting and you are further notified to meet at the Mascenic High School on the 9th day of March, 2004 between 7 o'clock in the forenoon and 7 o'clock in the evening for the second session of the Meeting (polls will be open for voting at the second session) to vote upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose the following necessary town officials for the year ensuing:

Selectman		3 year term
Board of Assessors		3 year term
Auditor		1 year term
Planning Board	2 for	3 year terms
Cemetery Trustee		3 year term
Trustee of the Trust Funds		3 year term
Treasurer		3 year term
Moderator		2 year term
Supervisors of the Check List		6 year term
Fire Chief		1 year term

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: adopt a new Article VII-1 – Souhegan District and a new Article VII-2 – Wapack District? These two new districts are intended to preserve open space and the rural and scenic character of the Town. The Souhegan District requires a five (5) acre minimum lot size and a 300 foot

minimum road frontage. The Wapack District requires a ten (10) acre minimum lot size and 425 foot minimum road frontage. Two-family, multi-family, and condominium dwelling units are allowed in these districts only if amendment #4 passes and they are located in an Open Space Residential Development.

- Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: a) change the minimum lot size in the Rural District from 2 to 3 acres for single family dwellings, with an exception for certain lots of record which are at least 4 acres but less than 6 acres; b) change the minimum lot size in the Rural District from 2 to 5 acres for Two Family dwellings; c) change the minimum road frontage in feet in the Rural District from 200 to 300 for Two Family dwellings; d) require that multi-family dwellings and condominiums in the Rural District be located in an Open Space Residential Development if amendment #4 passes; and e) change the maximum number of allowed house lots in a Cluster Development in the Rural District from one per 2 acres to one per 3 acres if amendment #4 does not pass?
- Article 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: revoke the current Article XIII Section L – Protection of Ground Water and Surface Water and replace it with a new Section L? The new Section L. requires that the Soil Carrying Capacity, as defined by the Society of Soil Scientists of Northern New England Special Publication No.4, be included in determining the minimum size of a building lot and that a lot must contain a minimum area of at least 20,000 square feet of contiguous non-wetland area per proposed dwelling unit. Lots of record are exempt from certain provisions.
- Article 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: repeal Article XIII, Section E – Cluster Development and adopt a new Article XII-1 –Open Space Residential Development (OSRD)? The intent of an OSRD is to protect open space by allowing a greater density of development in return for the permanent protection of open space. A minimum of 50% of an OSRD must remain open space and be permanently protected through easement. The number of dwelling units allowed in an OSRD will be determined by a yield plan based on conventional subdivision with bonus dwelling units available for innovative open space protection. Single family, two family, multi-family dwelling units and condominiums are permitted in an OSRD. The number of dwelling units actually allowed may not

exceed the soil based carrying capacity of the parcel. The minimum parcel size is ten (10) acres. The Planning Board may require an OSRD where special land features exist.

- Article 6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: adopt a new Article XII-2 – Flexible Lot Size Development (FLSD)? The intent of an FLSD is to give developers and the Planning Board flexibility in establishing lot sizes. For any parcel, the same number of lots for single family dwellings that would be available through conventional subdivision could be reconfigured into larger and smaller lots provided that all lots must have a soil carrying capacity sufficient to support a septic system. The uses permitted in an FLSD are all those allowed in the underlying zoning district other than two family and multi-family dwellings and condominiums.
- Article 7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: adopt a new Article XVI-1 – Impact Fees? The intent of this ordinance is to allow the Planning Board to require any subdivision or site plan applicant to pay a fair share of off-site improvements to public facilities affected by the development.
- Article 8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: repeal the current “New Ipswich Wetlands Conservation District Ordinance” and adopt a new Article X, Section D. – Wetlands Conservation District and a new Article X, Section E. – Shore Land Conservation District? These two new districts are intended to protect water quality and wildlife habitat by restricting uses within each district to those that do not threaten the quality of the Town’s water resources. Both districts are overlay districts. The Wetlands Conservation District is defined as any wetland area together with a defined buffer zone around each wetland. The buffer is graduated from 50 feet to 200 feet depending on the size of the wetland. The Shore Land District is defined as all lands within a certain distance from ponds and streams. This distance is graduated from 50 feet to 200 feet depending on the size of the pond or stream. The Shore Land District has a shoreline frontage requirement for ponds and streams over a

certain size which is graduated from 150 feet to 300 feet depending on the size of the pond or stream.

Article 9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: adopt a new Article XIII, Section O – Accessory Dwelling Units? The purpose of Accessory Dwelling Units is to provide more housing opportunities and flexibility in household arrangements. Accessory Dwelling Units are built on the same lot as the principal dwelling. A Type I Accessory Dwelling Unit is for housing guests or employees but not tenants, may have up to 4 bedrooms, and requires a minimum lot size of 10 acres. A Type I Accessory Dwelling Unit may not be rented. A Type II Accessory Dwelling Unit is limited in size to between 300 and 800 square feet and may have only one bedroom. There is no minimum lot size for a Type II Accessory Dwelling Unit. Type II Accessory Dwelling Units may be located within the principal dwelling unit or within a barn or garage accessory to the principal dwelling unit. A Type II Accessory Dwelling Unit may not be rented.

Article 10. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: adopt a new Article XIII, Section P – Phased Development? The purpose of this Phased Development is to manage the rate of growth of New Ipswich in an orderly way. Applicants for new subdivisions would have the choice of phasing the development of the subdivision or doing an impact study showing how the proposed development would affect the town's infrastructure or taxes. In the event that the planning Board determines a proposed development will create a sudden demand on services which can not be provided for by a reasonable expenditure of public funds, the development must be phased over a period of time to allow the Town to meet the demands created for such services.

Article 11. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: amend Article X-C – Steep Slope District, Section 3 – Special Provisions, subsection b by increasing the required amount of land that is less than 15% slope on a lot from one acre to a minimum of one acre plus an additional 20,000 square feet per every dwelling unit over

one, by specifying that this land must be non-wetland soils, and by requiring that the shape of this area is capable of containing a square of 100 feet by 100 feet? The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that the intended benefits of the current steep slope district are achieved. These benefits include protection of water resources from erosion and from effluent from improperly sited septic systems.

- Article 12. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: amend Article XVIII – Definitions by adding definitions for Condominiums, Soil Carrying Capacity, Soil Based Carrying Capacity of a Lot, Water Body, Wetlands and Single Family Dwelling?
- Article 13. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: amend Article XIII – General Provisions, Section K – Septic Disposal by changing the first sentence to read as follows: “No sewage effluent leaching field shall be located within 75 feet of the edge of any wetlands or within 75 feet of the normal bank of any lake, pond, river, stream or brook not subject to the provisions of the State Shore Lands Protection Act (RSA 483-B)”? The purpose of this amendment is to make Article XIII, Section K consistent with Article XII.A. – Table of Dimensional Controls as amended in 1999.
- Article 14. Shall the town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$1,612,909? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,400,380, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action by the town by law: or, the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and Thirty-Four Cents (\$110,398.34) for the purpose of

maintenance of town roads. (The amount of this appropriation is equal to the amount of funds received from the State Road Block Grant.) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

- Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$66,500) to be added to the capital reserve funds created previously as directed below:

Highway Equipment	\$ 24,000
Fire Truck	24,000
Pool	4,000
Maintenance of Parks & Rec. Facilities	2,000
Firefighter Protective Equipment	5,000
Police Cruiser	<u>7,500</u>
	\$ 66,500

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

- Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000) for the purpose of construction and related construction engineering services for the replacement of the Old Country Road Bridge over Waterloom Pond (NHDOT Bridge No. 145/089), a Town-owned bridge with critical deficiencies. Upon completion of the construction, the Town will be reimbursed 80% (\$440,000) by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) through the NHDOT Municipally Managed Bridge Aid Program. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

- Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars (\$262,600) for the purpose of purchasing a new fire truck and to withdraw from the Capital Reserve fund for Fire Trucks the sum not to exceed Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) which is the Town's share of a Federal grant to be received of One Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars (\$192,600) and nothing to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

- Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) for the purchase of twenty-five (25) pagers for the Fire Department and to authorize the transfer of this amount from the existing December 31, 2003 unreserved fund balance. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to delegate to the Board of Selectmen the authority to accept dedicated streets pursuant to RSA 674:40-a. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of resealing and repaving roads. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) for the purpose of purchasing a new dump truck and to authorize the transfer of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$104,777) of revenue related to landfill closure received during 2003 from New England Organics, Inc., Park Construction Company, Inc., and the sale of recyclables generated prior to June 1, 2003, currently in the general fund, and transfer said funds to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

- Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) consisting of Sixty-Six Thousand, Ninety-Five Dollars and 44 cents (\$66,095.44) from 2003 revenues including the sale of bags, demolition disposal revenues, recycling revenues generated after June 1, 2003 and transfer station car stickers and One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred and Four Dollars and Fifty-Six Cents (\$133,904.56) from 2004 anticipated transfer station revenues including, but not limited to, the sale of bags, demolition disposal revenues, recycling revenues and transfer station car stickers to the Transfer Station Expendable Trust established at the 2003 annual town meeting to be used for the costs in running the transfer station. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of repaying an extra part of the principal borrowed for the closing of the landfill and to authorize the transfer of this amount from the existing December 31, 2003 unreserved fund balance. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000) to support the New Ipswich Library. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of funding the following regional health services: Monadnock Family Services \$5,824; St. Joseph's Community Services, Inc. \$130; and Milford Area Mediation Program \$4,046. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue Whirlpool Road (a Class A Trail) pursuant to RSA 231-A:6 beginning from Preston Hill Road (a Class A Trail) southerly for 900 feet. The abutting landowner has offered a permanent easement for the trail along a route acceptable to the Town of New Ipswich. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

- Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for design engineering services for the replacement of the Lower Ashby Road Bridge over the Souhegan River (NHDPT Bridge No. 137/062), a Town-owned bridge with critical deficiencies. Upon completion of the design and award of the project for construction, the Town will be reimbursed 80% (\$40,000) of the design engineering costs by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) through the NHDOT Municipally Managed Bridge Aid Program. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2 II . The money received from fees and charges for recreation park services and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the town's general funds unreserved fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the recreation director (no further town meeting approval required). These funds may be expended only for recreation purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other town funds which have not been appropriated for that purpose. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to purchase playground equipment to replace the existing outdated facility and to authorize the transfer of these funds from the December 31, 2003 unreserved fund balance. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- Article 34. To see if the Town shall adopt the optional elderly exemption from the property tax. The optional exemptions, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers shall be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$40,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$60,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$80,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the

real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by his/her spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income in each applicable age group of not more than \$22,500 or if married a combined net income of not more than \$30,000, and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000, excluding the value of the residence. (Explanation: This article raises the amount of the net income from \$18,400 to \$22,500 and the net combined income from \$26,500 to \$30,000. All other amounts shown are presently in effect.) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

- Article 35. To see if the Town shall adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35, IV for a Veteran's optional tax credit on the taxes due on residential property for service-connected total disability. The optional disability tax credit will be \$2,000, rather than \$1,400. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 36. To see if the Town shall adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, V and VI for an optional veteran's tax credit and an expanded qualifying war service for veterans seeking the tax credit on the taxes due on residential property. The optional veteran's tax credit shall be \$500, rather than \$100. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 37. To see whether the Town will vote to revise the 1991 warrant article determining the disposition of revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (Land Use Change Tax) and vote to deposit all revenues collected up to Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) per year pursuant to RSA 79-A (Land Use Change Tax) in the Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25II. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to negotiate with the Monadnock Conservancy, a regional land trust, or with a similar qualified conservation organization, for the purpose of conveying conservation easements on land managed by the Conservation Commission. These easements, which will require final approval by the Board of Selectmen, will assure permanent enforceable protection of the Town's conservation lands at no cost to the taxpayer. The Town will still retain ownership of the land. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

- Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Heritage Commission in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673 and RSA 674, or take any other action relating thereto. Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint Five (5) citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:4-a and RSA 673:5, and to appoint not more than Five (5) additional citizens as alternate members, or take any other action relating thereto. Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 41. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Code Enforcement Officer to issue building permits, to inspect and approve any construction related thereto and to enforce all state building codes and zoning ordinances. Also to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for the necessary expenses to carry out the function of the office. Compensation for the Code Enforcement Officer in the form of inspection fees will be determined and set by the Selectmen. The Zoning Board of Adjustment will function as the Board of Appeals on questions that may arise in the administration of the state building codes and zoning regulations, or take any action thereon. Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to disband and discontinue the Finance Advisory Committee as formed by Article #26 of the March 14, 1995 annual town meeting. Submitted by petition.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-fourth day of January 2004.

Board of Selectmen
George H. Lawrence, Chairman
Lance E. dePlante
Jay Hopkins

AMENDMENTS MADE AT THE DELIBERATIVE SESSION ON FEBRUARY 5, 2004 TO 2004 WARRANT

- Article 26. Amended to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) from 2004 anticipated transfer station revenues including, but not limited to, the sale of bags, demolition disposal revenues, recycling revenues and transfer station car stickers to the Transfer Station Expendable Trust established at the 2003 annual town meeting to be used for the costs in running the transfer station. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- Article 27. Amended to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of repaying a part of the principal borrowed for the closing of the landfill and to authorize the transfer of this amount from the existing December 31, 2003 unreserved fund balance. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- Article 30. Amended to read: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue Whirlpool Road (a Class A Trail) pursuant to RSA 231-A:6 beginning from Preston Hill Road (a Class A Trail) southerly for 900 feet to take effect only after the Selectmen have received a permanent easement for the trail. The abutting landowner has offered a permanent easement for the trail along a route acceptable to the Town of New Ipswich. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 31. Amended to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Zero Dollars (\$0) for design engineering services for the replacement of the Lower Ashby Road Bridge over the Souhegan River. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- Article 32. Amended to read: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2 II . The money received from fees and charges for recreation park

services and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the town's general funds unreserved fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen (no further town meeting approval required). These funds may be expended only for recreation purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other town funds which have not been appropriated for that purpose. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 33. Amended to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to purchase playground equipment to replace the existing outdated equipment and to authorize the transfer of these funds from the December 31, 2003 unreserved fund balance. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

COMPARATIVE BUDGET STATEMENT

	2003 <u>Budget</u>	2003 <u>Actual</u>	Proposed <u>2004 Budget</u>
Ambulance	27,073	27,073	19,331
Animal Control	9,989	7,619	10,480
Animal Response Team	0	0	1,973
Assessing	22,157	20,471	53,989
Auditor	7,607	7,165	7,307
Building Permit Officer	1,424	1,460	1,830
Cemetery	15,698	14,770	16,098
Communications	16,000	15,688	28,527
Conservation	2,075	2,080	2,425
Elections & Registrations	4,873	5,185	11,453
Emergency Management	1,250	2,508	2,499
Employee Benefits	141,659	141,004	160,735
Fire	76,705	73,904	82,454
Gen. Government Buildings	54,702	55,000	55,857
Health Officer	190	10	190
Highway	298,026	331,454	336,648
Insurance	28,600	35,955	40,467
Interest Notes & Bonds	4,650	4,650	3,895
Interest TAN	0	0	0
Legal	20,000	19,815	22,000
Memorial Day	674	674	515
Moderator	607	627	941
Parks & Recreation	15,617	15,900	21,518
Planning Board	9,383	7,745	13,480
Police	282,888	287,876	333,500
Pool	34,643	35,252	39,000
Principle Notes & Bonds	10,000	10,000	10,000
Regional Assoc.	7,308	7,442	7,843
Street Lighting	21,330	19,783	21,330
Tax Collector	37,200	35,909	39,400
Town Clerk	35,597	33,807	36,900
Town Office	109,142	116,364	140,315
Transfer Station	64,198	117,851	50,000
Treasurer	7,553	7,479	6,947
Trustees	1,082	1,069	1,082
Vital Stats	1,100	1,435	1,600
Welfare	29,000	34,718	30,000
Zoning Board	380	634	380
Total	\$1,400,380	\$1,500,380	\$1,612,909

Increase over 2003 budget of \$1,500,380

7.50%

Note: Budget was allowed to be overspent by \$100,000 from fund balance per the approval of the Department of Revenue Administration.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

	<u>DEBITS</u>	
<u>Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year:</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Property Taxes		\$309,182.88
Land Use Tax		5,200.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd		346.00
Inventory Penalty		2,510.28

<u>Taxes Committed:</u>	
Property Taxes	\$5,496,179.26
Inventory Penalty	15,674.32
Land Use Change C/U	158,800.00
Yield Taxes	24,667.60
Excavation Tax Gravel	1,225.74

<u>Overpayment:</u>	
Property Taxes	16,324.46
Land Use Change C/U	4,000.00
Inventory Penalty	50.00
Interest – Late Tax	4,621.56

TOTAL DEBITS	\$5,721,542.94	\$320,037.36
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	<u>CREDITS</u>	
<u>Remitted to Treasurer:</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Property Taxes	\$5,142,227.43	\$ 311,096.17
Land Use Change C/U	138,780.00	5,200.00
Yield Taxes	24,455.74	0.00
Interests and Costs	4,621.56	0.00
Penalties	12,919.89	2,422.27
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	1,225.74	346.00

<u>Abatements Made:</u>	
Property Taxes	8,318.84
Land Use Change	20,520.00
Yield Taxes	139.37
Inventory Penalties	351.48
	88.01

<u>Uncollected Taxes End of Year:</u>	
Property Taxes	361,957.45
Penalties	2,452.95
Land Use Change C/U	3,500.00
Yield Taxes	72.49
TOTAL CREDITS	\$5,721,542.94
	\$ 320,037.36

DEBITS

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning Of Fiscal Year		\$73,087.77	\$28,880.07	\$540.68
Liens Executed During Year	\$ 127,744.31			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$ 5,183.12	9,451.01	11,550.28	304.25
Unliened 2 nd Issue		4,101.30		
TOTAL DEBITS	\$132,927.43	\$86,640.08	\$40,430.35	\$ 844.93

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer: Redemptions	\$ 55,937.19	\$40,625.76	\$28,084.27	\$ 540.68
Interest and Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	5,183.12	8,730.98	11,550.28	304.25
Other Credits	5,226.20	4,101.30		
Interest on Unliened 2 nd Issue		720.03		
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	66,580.92	32,462.01	795.80	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$132,927.43	\$86,640.08	\$40,430.35	\$844.93

REVENUES

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED 2003</u>	<u>ACTUAL 2003</u>	<u>ESTIMATED 2004</u>
Land Use Tax	5,000	158,800	100,000
Yield (Timber) Tax	8,000	27,283	12,000
Payment in Lieu of tax	1,200	1,082	1,082
Excavation Tax	500	0	0
Excavation 2ct/yl Tax	5,000	1,225	1,225
Interest & Penalties	10,500	2,234	31,000
Motor Vehicle Permits	550,000	762,406	700,000
Building Permits	6,500	15,057	15,000
Other Permits	20,000	32,104	30,000
Federal Government	0	0	192,600
Shared Revenues	60,000	60,172	60,172
Meals & Rooms	110,000	137,688	137,688
Highway Block Grant	108,917	108,917	110,398
State/Federal Land	200	136	136
Other from State	0	0	480,000
Income from Departments	20,000	622,070	359,846
Sale of Municipal Property	0	25,182	65,000
Interest on Investments	20,000	15,431	12,000
Trust Funds	0	5,590	0
Rent of Town Property	30,000	29,874	30,996
Misc. Revenue	0	1,515	0
Voted from Surplus	15,975	0	304,777
From Capital Reserve	89,000	0	180,000
Use of Fund Balance	50,000	100,000	137,000
TOTAL	1,110,792	2,106,766	2,960,920

WARRANT ARTICLES CARRIED FORWARD

<u>2002</u>	<u>CARRIED OVER</u>	EXPENDED IN <u>2003</u>	<u>REMAINING</u>
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 96,344	\$ 94,361	\$ 1,983
Bridge Design	89,773	54,453	35,320
Pool Filter Sand/ Diving Board	1,290	0	1,290

<u>2003</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	EXPENDED IN 2003	<u>REMAINING</u>
Roads	108,917	108,917	0
Records Storage	2,917	2,903	72
Library	20,000	20,000	0
Thermal Imaging Camera	3,000	2,957	43
Court Repairs	13,000	13,000	0
Health Services	10,620	10,620	0
Street Light Conversion	35,196	0	35,196

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

Land	\$ 59,247,893
Buildings	151,188,000
Public Utilities	3,608,800
Less Total Exemptions Allowed	<u>2,136,200</u>
Net Valuation	\$211,908,493

TAXES COMMITTED TO TAX COLLECTOR:

Town Property Taxes Assessed	\$5,541,407
Less War Service Tax Credits	<u>30,400</u>
Net Property Tax Commitment	\$5,511,007

TAX RATE 2003

\$26.15 Per 1,000

Town	\$ 2.55
County	1.69
School	16.23
State	<u>5.68</u>
	\$26.15

TAX RATE HISTORY

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Town	\$3.27	\$2.67	\$2.67	\$2.67	\$2.55
County	1.40	1.57	1.67	1.74	1.69
School	7.68	8.46	11.83	12.41	16.23
State	<u>5.02</u>	<u>5.03</u>	<u>5.53</u>	<u>5.47</u>	<u>5.68</u>
	\$17.37	17.73	21.70	22.29	26.15

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 11 , 2003**

Article 1. The results of the Town Election are as follows:

Selectman for 3 years:

Raymond Brodley	478 Votes
Jay Hopkins	834 Votes

Board of Assessors for 3 years:

James Coffey	1063 Votes
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Auditor for 1 year:

Laurence P. Ackerson	1156 Votes
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Planning Board for 2 years:

Oliver E. Niemi, Jr.	778 Votes
Judy A. Spring	381 Votes

Planning Board for 3 years:

Glenn Connell	841 Votes
Jacqueline Rager	679 Votes
Judy Spring	52 Votes

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years:

Barbara A. Carlson	1119 Votes
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Cemetery Trustee for 3 years:

Albert T. Jenks	1164 Votes
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Chief of Fire Department for 1 year:

Rick Hewitt, Jr.	1156 Votes
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WARRANT ARTICLE RESULTS

Article 2. Affirmative vote to adopt the Growth Management Interim Regulation as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: the regulation will place an interim restriction on new subdivision development to no more than one additional building lot and new residential

building permits will be limited to thirty-two during the effective period.

Yes votes 847 No votes 523

- Article 3. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$1,400,380.

Yes votes 757 No votes 578

- Article 4. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$108,917) for the purpose of resealing, paving and reconstruction of town roads.

Yes votes 1138 No votes 208

- Article 5. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$69,000) to be added to the capital reserve funds created previously as directed below:

Highway Equipment	\$24,000
Fire Truck	24,000
Pool	4,000
Maintenance of Parks & Rec. Facilities	2,000
Firefighter Protective Equipment	5,000
Police Cruiser	<u>10,000</u>
	\$69,000

Yes votes 941 No votes 424

- Article 6. Negative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$32,210) for the purpose of hiring a fifth full time police officer.

Yes votes 520 No votes 809

- Article 7. Negative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) for the purpose of conducting and implementing a complete sales analysis along with other related assessing activities for the purpose of meeting the assessing certification requirements of the State of New Hampshire, Department of Revenue Administration.

Yes votes 578 No votes 718

Article 8. Negative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$89,000) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new dump truck equipped with a power angle plow and to authorize the withdrawal of Eighty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$89,000) from the Highway Department Capital Reserve Account previously established for this purpose.

Yes votes 661 No votes 662

Article 9. Affirmative vote to appropriate the sum of Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars (\$2,975) for the purpose of preserving and storing the town's vital records covering the period from 1762 through 2002 by copying the same onto Compact Discs (CD's) to protect them from theft, or damage by fire or water.

Yes votes 958 No votes 363

Article 10. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the purpose of purchasing a thermal imaging camera for the Emergency Services Departments.

Yes votes 887 No votes 436

Article 11. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000) for the purpose of repairing cracks, resurfacing, and relining the tennis court and basketball court surfaces and to install paving of an asphalt pad for a skate park.

Yes votes 674 No votes 642

Article 12. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to support the New Ipswich Library.

Yes votes 895 No votes 427

Article 13. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$10,620) for the purpose of funding the following regional health services: Monadnock Family Services, \$5,600; St. Joseph's Community Services, Inc., \$520; and Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services, \$4,500.

Yes votes 836 No votes 486

Article 14. Negative vote to raise Nine Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$9,050) for the purpose of refurbishing the antique windows in the Old

Town Hall and to authorize the transfer of this amount from the existing December 31, 2002 fund balance.

Yes votes 324 No votes 1002

- Article 15. Negative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$6,925) for the purpose of completing the painting of the north and back sides of the Old Town Hall and to authorize the transfer of \$6,925 from the existing December 31, 2002 fund balance for this purpose.

Yes votes 617 No votes 706

- Article 16. Negative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500) for the purpose of contracting Emergency Dispatch Mapping for all the Emergency Services, including Police, Fire, Ambulance, Highway, and Emergency Management.

Yes votes 420 No votes 902

- Article 17. Negative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of paving roads.

Yes votes 618 No votes 707

- Article 18. Negative vote to raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) per year for a planned five (5) year plan to replace all communications equipment for the Fire Department. This would include pagers, portables, and mobile radios.

Yes votes 303 No votes 1017

- Article 19. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand, One Hundred and Ninety-Six Dollars (\$35,196) for the purpose of converting the existing street lights to more energy efficient lights. (Note: The type of lighting will vary according to the region of town. The savings to the town will be an average of \$10,951 per year, with a payback period of 3.2 years. A five member study committee will be appointed by the Selectmen prior to any expenditures, and make recommendations to the Selectmen.)

Yes votes 884 No votes 444

- Article 20. Affirmative vote to transfer the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200), which was the money received from the sale of the old rescue truck, from the general fund to the existing Capital Reserve Account for Fire Trucks.

Yes votes	1190	No votes	170
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Article 21. Negative vote to direct the Selectmen to explore the cost and revenue possibilities of converting the current landfill located on Route 124 in New Ipswich into a municipal daily fee nine hole golf course to be owned and operated by the town, and report such findings to the town for approval.

Yes votes	505	No votes	851
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Article 22. Affirmative vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, in it's first two years of operation, the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has helped communities throughout New Hampshire preserve their natural, cultural, and historical resources and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should maintain funding for LCHIP in it's next biennial budget.

Yes votes	816	No votes	500
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Article 23. Affirmative vote to discontinue absolutely Chapman Road (a Class VI highway) pursuant to RSA 231:43 and 231:44 from its southerly terminus at Route 124 (Turnpike Road) to its intersection with Old Peterborough Road, also known as the Wapack Trail.

Yes votes	895	No votes	398
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Article 24. Negative vote to accept the following private roads as Class V roads: A portion of Cedar Ridge Drive as shown on the town tax map sheet 10, beginning at Stowell Road and continuing 2,100 feet; A portion of Oak Hill Road as shown on the town tax map sheet 9, beginning at Goen Road and continuing 700 feet to include the hammerhead turnaround.

Yes votes	425	No votes	910
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Article 25. Affirmative vote to relinquish, waive and give up the reversionary interest reserved in favor of the Town of New Ipswich as set forth in deed dated September 17, 1956, running from the Town of New Ipswich to the Watatic Grange, number 36, said deed being recorded in Book 1476, Page 316 at the Hillsborough Country Registry of Deeds and further to authorize the Selectmen to transfer and convey whatever right, title and interest, if any, the Town of New Ipswich may have in and to the land and buildings described in said deed upon such terms and conditions as the Selectmen may deem to be in the best interest of the Town including a deed

covenant to preserve the historical character and structural integrity of the buildings.

Yes votes	910	No votes	379
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Article 26. Affirmative vote for all revenues arising from landfill closure activities, including grants and state reimbursements, shall be deposited to the existing Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund.

Yes votes	1201	No votes	132
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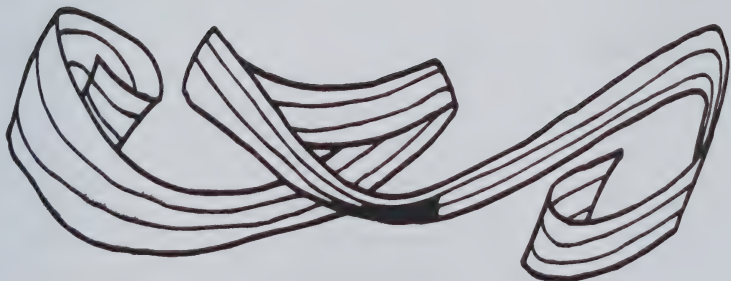
Article 27. Affirmative vote to:

- a. create a Transfer Station Expendable Trust,
- b. authorize the Selectmen to spend funds deposited to this Trust for transfer station activities, including recycling,
- c. deposit all revenues arising from transfer station activities, including recycling, to this Transfer Station Expendable Trust, and
- d. Rescind Article 25 of the 1991 Annual Town Meeting, which adopted RSA 31:95-c which restricted net revenues from recycling to expenditure for landfill closure.

Yes votes	1081	No votes	235
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Article 28. Affirmative vote to accept reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen as printed in the Annual Report.

Yes votes	1182	No votes	149
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STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Landfill Bond
December 31, 2003

<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>PRINCIPLE</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>
1/15/03		\$ 2,325.00
7/15/03	\$10,000	2,325.00
1/15/04		1,947.00
7/15/04	10,000	1,947.00
1/15/05		1,565.00
7/15/05	10,000	1,565.00
1/15/06		1,177.50
7/15/06	10,000	1,177.50
1/15/07		785.00
7/15/07	10,000	785.00
1/15/08		392.00
7/15/08		392.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 2003		\$ 2,432,546.41
Tax Collector		5,690,323.73
Town Clerk		786,907.00
Town Office		556,844.44
State Revolving Fund		505,145.41
Trustees of Trust Funds	2002	52,405.80
	2003	138,704.19
Landfill Closure Fund		18,646.44
2002 Tax Lien		<u>127,744.31</u>
		10,309,267.73

Interest Earned:	BNH	2,230.92	
	Citizens	555.28	
	NHPDIP	5,698.82	
	TIA	2,448.30	
	BNH Pool	<u>4,118.55</u>	<u>15,051.87</u>
			10,324,319.60

Collected Checks	2002	+	298.00
Uncollected Check	2003	-	15.00
Service Charges	2003	-	10.00
Other Fees Collected	2003	+	580.00
Wire Fees		-	20.00
Deposit Slips		-	50.25
Uncollectable Check	2003	-	<u>228.00</u>
			10,324,874.35
Less Bills Paid in 2003			2,968,804.52
Mascenic Regional School			4,098,322.78
2002 Tax Lien			<u>127,744.31</u>
		Total	\$3,130,002.74

BNH	306,971.57
Citizens	3,450.88
NHPDIP	623,547.30
TIA	1,583,177.39
BNH Pool	<u>612,855.60</u>
Total	3,130,002.74

Petty Cash:	
Town Office	\$103.00
Town Clerk	50.00
Tax Collector	100.00
Police Department	99.40
Transfer Station	<u>50.00</u>
	\$402.00

TRANSFER STATION BREAKDOWN

Balance as of 4/7/03:		\$ 00.00
Income:		
Tires	2,326.00	
Metals	1,040.02	
Batteries	100.00	
Cardboard	460.10	
Interest	3.18	3,929.30
Interest earned Jan – Dec, 2003		5.26
Balance as of 12/31/03		3,934.56
Landfill closure fund balance as of 1/1/03		800.04
Income:		
Tires	180.00	
Cardboard	122.60	
Plastics	22.40	
Milk	14.45	
Aluminum Cans	153.60	
Misc.	35.27	+ 528.32
Transferred to CD 3/124/03		-1,000.00
Interest earned Jan – Dec 2003		1.14
Closeout Balance as of 4/2/03		329.50
Landfill CD Balance as of 1/1/03		17,213.89
Transfer in from savings 3/13/03		1,000.00
Interest Earned Jan – Dec 2003		57.13
Closeout Balance as of 4/2/03		\$18,271.02

These two landfill closure accounts consist of \$329.50 and \$18,271.02 equaling \$18,600.52. They were given to the Trustees of the Trust Funds to be deposited into the Landfill Expendable Trust Fund. Since Article # 26 was disallowed, I asked for these funds back plus interest, of \$45.92. This amount of \$18,646.44 was deposited into the town's general fund.

TOWN OFFICE BREAKDOWN, DECEMBER 31, 2003

REVENUES AND REIMBURSEMENTS

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 60,172.00
Highway Block Grant	108,917.43
Rooms and Meals Tax	137,687.65
NH Forest Fire Reimbursement	136.33
NH Municipal Association Reimbursement	1,635.30
Workers' Comp (Primex)	76.29
IRS Reimbursement	358.99
Sale of Town Property	5,374.00
Adelphia Cable	4,857.56
Waterloom Falls	1,082.51
Reimbursement of Retiree's Insurance	17,385.67
Copies/Fax	291.56
Voters Checklist	125.00
MRSD Elections	1,302.63
Fireworks Permits	120.00
SAU Rental Fee	23,274.00
SPED Rental Fee	6,600.00
Building Permits	15,056.56
Driveway Permits	245.00
New Home Occupancy Permits	1,105.00
Interest Collected	107.83
Road Bonds Released: R. Aho	5,000.00
Garland Lumber	5,163.43
NI Police/Dare Account	328.44
DIF Account	631.84
Glavey Reimbursement - Tree	150.00
S. Gendron/Taxes	6,523.46
Police Retirement Reimbursement	166.96
Concord Heritage Insurance Refund	21.32
Tree Harvesting	22,423.45
Treasurer Misc/Seminar	35.00
Supplies	4.18
New Ipswich Library Heating	989.00
Assessor Tax Maps	431.00
Current Use Books	100.00
Labels	15.00
Emergency Management:	
Supp-Planning/Fed Grant 2002	2,844.60
FEMA Grant: Training	122.53

For Animals	75.00
Communications	334.10
Animal Disaster Team	475.00
Fire Department:	
Insurance Reports	50.00
Oil Burner Permits	285.00
Fire Reimbursement	1,113.19
State of New Hampshire for 02 Fire/Emerson	881.34
Galls Reimbursement	21.11
Highway Department:	
Salt	893.00
Culverts	115.00
Townsend Sales Reimbursement	75.00
FEMA Reimbursement	7,195.41
Blanchard Tree	400.00
MRSD – Parts for Automotive Program	318.47
Landfill	
Stickers	3,206.00
Trash	1,303.25
Demolition	14,416.23
Trash Bags	42,750.50
Goodwill	5.00
Landfill Closure Funds	
New England Organics	4,100.81
Planning Board:	
Regulations	152.00
Subdivision fees	2,057.00
Postage	1,360.28
Map Updates	515.00
Master Plan	45.00
Notices	42.50
Police Department:	
Pistol Permits	110.00
Insurance Reports	1,404.50
Fingerprints	375.00
J-P District Court	2,540.60
State Witness Fee	1,115.12
Detail Reimbursement	13,091.53
Donations	4,700.00
Conway Office	44.00
Towing Restitution	100.00
Federal Grant/Vest	1,545.00
Recreation:	
Basketball	2,970.00

Swimming	5,608.00
Splash for Cash	546.60
Field Permits	50.00
Children's Fair	300.00
Trustees – 2003 ELF Interest	270.97
Welfare – Past Year Reimbursement	7,137.03
Zoning Board:	
Regulations	45.00
Application fees	500.00
Advertisements/Notices	685.00
Postage	<u>659.38</u>
TOTAL	\$ 556,844.44



TOWN AUDITOR

I performed my usual duties as your Town Auditor, which included, but are not limited to, checking the income of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Town Office and the Treasurer's income and disbursements, and also checking the trial balances at the end of each month. I also was involved, as usual, in calculating the tax rate to compare it with the State's calculation. We usually agree, with some minor adjustments.

As you know, the Selectmen and Assessors are the only ones responsible for furnishing information to the State to set the tax rate; the Selectmen allowing the amount of appropriations voted by the town and the projected revenue and the Assessors furnishing them with the assessed valuation of the town and exemptions allowed. At the actual setting of the rate, the Selectmen or their representative and a representative of the State set the rate, usually at the State office, but this year our representative Meg Baker traveled to New Ipswich to set the rate. Present were the Selectmen's Secretary Cheryl Billings, myself, the Tax Collector, and Town Treasurer. It has been a pleasure to serve once again as your Town Auditor.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Ackerson

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

<u>Creation Date</u>	<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Principal Beginning Balance</u>	<u>New Funds Created</u>	<u>Gains/Loss</u>
1/3/63	Burton	Lectures	\$27,873.30		
1/3/63	Spaulding	School	26,528.93		
1/27/73	Stearns 1st split	Lectures	29,645.07		
4/4/77	Port Hill/Town Pound	Maintenance	296.08		
5/15/59	Ni Cemetery	Cemetery Maint.	16,367.45	3,025.00	
3/19/25	E M Barrett	Selectmen	3,000.00		
	School	School	1,351.72		
6/29/1918	Jonas Nutting Post	Flags	172.53		
	Sentinel	Cemetery	0.00		
7/1/73	L Kangas Post	Ret Child School	705.75		
1906-1995	Cemetery Perpetual	Cemetery Care	41,169.92		
2/6/1900	B Smith Cemetery	Cemetery	1,000.00		
1824	Ministerial Fund	Churches	1,314.68		
2/6/1906	George Hubbard	Cemetery	1,000.00		
7/1/73	Ni General Trust *2	General	125,000.00		
TOTALS			\$275,425.43	\$3,025.00	\$0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS					
4/27/99	Fire Protect Equip	Fire Equip	\$13,026.00	\$5,000.00	
3/31/95	Fire Department	Fire Truck	22,328.88	25,200.00	
2/12/73	Police Department	Police Car	22,385.29	10,000.00	
3/31/96	Highway Department	Highway Equip	82,228.37	24,000.00	
9/28/94	Landfill	Landfill	316,788.11	63,056.98	
4/8/99	Expendable Landfill	Landfill	0.00	0.00	
9/28/94	Revaluation	Re-evaluation	0.00	0.00	
3/28/95	Recreation	Recreation	16,535.02	4,000.00	
4/4/97	250th Anniversary	Town Celebration	4,918.32	15.00	
4/4/01	Recreation Maintenance	Maintenance	4,000.00	2,000.00	
	SAU 63 Schools	Repairs	25,000.00	10,000.00	
TOTALS			\$507,209.99	\$143,271.98	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL			\$782,635.42	\$146,296.98	\$0.00

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

<u>Withdrawals</u>	Principal	Non-Disb	Annual	Income	Income	Grand Total
	Year End	Income			Year End	
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
	\$27,873.30	\$14,507.50	\$768.43	\$1,150.00	\$14,125.93	\$41,999.23
	26,528.93	37,113.04	480.48	440.60	37,152.92	63,681.85
	29,645.07	40,957.90	942.88	1,600.00	40,300.78	69,945.85
	296.08	591.25	10.79	0.00	602.04	898.12
	19,392.45	0.00	218.60	0.00	218.60	19,611.05
	3,000.00	313.06	40.32	0.00	353.38	3,353.38
	1,351.72	3.47	16.48	19.01	0.94	1,352.66
	172.53	46.36	2.70	0.00	49.06	221.59
	0.00	2,004.79	24.37	0.00	2,029.16	2,029.16
	705.75	212.68	11.17	0.00	223.85	929.60
	41,169.92	5,734.26	378.94	0.00	6,113.20	47,283.12
	1,000.00	10,978.01	102.47	0.00	11,080.48	12,080.48
	1,314.68	289.99	13.02	0.00	303.01	1,617.69
	1,000.00	9,628.22	91.07	0.00	9,719.29	10,719.29
	125,000.00	4,811.67	1,130.19	5,860.62	81.24	125,081.24
\$0.00	\$278,450.43	\$127,192.20	\$4,231.91	\$9,070.23	\$122,353.88	\$400,804.31
	\$0.00	\$18,026.00	\$1,463.79	\$143.92	\$1,607.71	\$19,633.71
	0.00	47,528.88	27,277.55	536.17	27,813.72	75,342.60
4,000.00	28,385.29	3,814.17	251.86		4,066.03	32,451.32
0.00	106,228.37	11,181.38	883.80		12,065.18	118,293.55
199,532.85	180,312.24	65,134.22	2,409.81		67,544.03	247,856.27
0.00	0.00	152.27	0.06		152.33	152.33
0.00	0.00	7,865.65	63.48		7,929.13	7,929.13
0.00	20,535.02	6,266.21	205.73		6,471.94	27,006.96
0.00	4,933.32	78.55	40.29		118.84	5,052.16
0.00	6,000.00	93.45	43.87		137.32	6,137.32
35,000.00	0.00	913.42	306.99		1,220.41	1,220.41
\$238,532.85	\$411,949.12	\$124,240.66	\$4,885.98	\$0.00	\$129,126.64	\$541,075.76
\$238,532.85	\$690,399.55	\$251,432.86	\$9,117.89	\$9,070.23	\$251,480.52	\$941,880.07

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003**

	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Submitted to Treasurer</u>
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$764,597.00	\$764,597.00
Titles	3,028.00	3,028.00
Marriage License Fees	1,170.00	1,170.00
Filing Fee	15.00	15.00
UCC Filings	1,500.00	1,500.00
Municipal Agent Fees	11,032.00	11,032.00
Vital Statistics	676.00	676.00
Dog License Fees	4,464.00	4,464.00
Utility Fees	40.00	40.00
Dredge & Fill Permits	30.00	30.00
Licenses (Junk Yard)	25.00	25.00
License to Sell Guns	50.00	50.00
Recording Fees	30.00	30.00
Civil Forfeiture Fees	250.00	250.00
 Total Receipts	 <u>\$786,907.00</u>	 <u>\$786,907.00</u>
 Less Motor Vehicle Refunds	 1,191.00	 1,191.00
	 <u>\$784,716.00</u>	

**MUNICIPAL AGENT'S REPORT
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003**

This year we processed 5,516 plates and decals through the Town Clerk's Office. This is an increase of over 200 compared to the 2002 totals.

I want to thank the townspeople of New Ipswich for supporting the Municipal Agent's Program.

I'm looking forward to serving you in 2004.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Lemons, Town Clerk/Municipal Agent

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In March, Jay Hopkins replaced Ray Brodley on the Board. We thank Ray for his willingness to serve the citizens of New Ipswich for 27 years as Police Chief and then as a Selectman.

After the budget was approved, we were able to implement many things badly needed to operate the Town in a more efficient manner, but we are still trying to play catch up after a number of default and cut budgets for many years. This years budget reflects a 7.5% increase but hopefully there will be a lesser percentage proposed by the Board for the year 2005.

As you will notice, all departments and boards have been quite busy during the year. We formed a new Recreation Committee to oversee the activities at Memorial Field. The program worked well under the guidance of Mike Martel as Director.

During the year the grader developed many problems. After a survey of costs, which was felt was too high, we entered into a lease program for a new grader. This eliminates the Town from raising the total amount in one year and purchasing outright. After the lease expires, the Town has the option of purchasing outright at a minimal cost. One note - the previous grader was over 20 years old.

The Board purchased a used police cruiser from a neighboring town for the Police Chief to use as agreed upon in his contract. This car is to be used for official town business only. It also allows the chief to respond to any situation from his home resulting in less response time since he is on call 24 hours a day during his regular work week and most week ends.

Town employees voted during the year to join a union. We are still in the negotiation stage at the time of this writing, but will hopefully have something to report at a later time.

Overall there was significant progress in the year 2003 with many other things happening in New Ipswich. Due to many individuals devoting many hours to their town, we hope it is a better place to live.

We would be remiss if we did not thank Cheryl, Joanne, and the Town employees and officials for their dedication and co-operation in 2003.

Respectfully submitted,
George H. Lawrence, Chairman

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

At the 2003 Town Meeting several financial requests on the warrant were turned down. Included among those defeated was a special article for additional assessing work to meet State Certification Standards. Because this warrant article got voted down at the Town Meeting, we weren't able to do a statistical update, and therefore, were not able to get State certified. The Claremont decision has had two impacts on our town. The first impact was a significant reduction in our taxes from where they were prior to the Claremont decision. The second impact resulted in a greater scrutiny by the State to insure that all towns assessing standards are equal. At some point we will be forced to confront the need to meet these standards established by the State of New Hampshire.

As part of our proposed operating budget, we plan to institute a five year schedule, where we re-evaluate 20% of the town each year. This will allow us to reset values every five years. In addition to the need to continually update our property value information, there are court ordered requirements for us to revalue all current use properties. Many land owners with property enrolled in the current use program will be receiving requests for information from us.

In order for us to meet the State assessing requirements, we need the Town's operating budget to be approved by the voters in March. Should the operating budget fail, it is likely that we will be ordered to comply by a court of the Board of Land and Tax Appeals, thus costing the town more money than is necessary.

Our goal is to provide fair and equitable tax assessments to all our citizens, and for those assessments to meet the requirements established by the State of New Hampshire. In achieving this we will need your support.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our secretary, Joanne Meshna, for her contributions and creativity in keeping us aimed in the right direction. Her help has been invaluable to all of the boards in our town.

Respectfully submitted,
James G. Boyd, Chairman

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

With the exception of the three snowstorms we had (12/24/02, 1/15/03, 2/17/03) it was a good year. The emergency management office has a number of brochures and pamphlets and booklets covering man-made, natural, technological, and terrorist incidents.

The mass care centers are located at Mascenic Regional High School, Boynton Middle School on Turnpike Road, and the Congregational Church on Main Street. Should you need to go to a mass care center, you will need to bring your medications, blankets, sleeping mat, high energy snack food, water (baby food), board games, books, flashlight. For a complete list please contact the Emergency Management Office at phone number 878-4515, or our e-mail at disaster@monad.net.

The Emergency Management Office received a federal grant for \$531.63, which pays for phone, office, and training costs.

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), which provides emergency communications for the town in the event of an emergency, is seeking more amateur radio operators to become part of the organization. The Town's ARES Team has a local net on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m local (1900) on 147.420 MHz (simplex). You do not have to belong to ARES to join the net.

There is still a very important need to have people trained as first-aiders and mass care centers personnel. This training will be done by the American Red Cross and classes will be held in New Ipswich. Your help is needed. Please call the Emergency Management Office at 878-4515, or e-mail disater@monad.net.

Respectfully submitted,
William Edmonds, Director

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Thank you to all whom supported us in this past year with your generous donations, both private and corporate, for our various projects. Thank you to all town departments and committees who worked with the fire department to achieve goals set forth. Without your support the department could not have moved forward while providing quality service. Our year 2003 again reflected an increase for services and assistance. As our community grows, so should the infrastructure. As fire chief, I have attempted to do just that. Although not without obstacles every step has to be positive. Recent years of seeking and applying for grant money proved to be a positive effort for the department but more importantly for our residents and customers. Over \$217,000 dollars in federal and state grants were secured for fire department and emergency response. These monies are a result of the Federal Fire Act Grant and now under the National Homeland Security Program. Although unlikely a terrorism attack would happen in town, the threat is still here and is real and shall be here into the future. This is not to say we have not been touched by incidents...we have. In the past we have experienced suspicious letters with unknown substances and bomb threats. Each is classified as terrorism acts and is punishable under federal laws.

In 2004 the fire department will seek approval to withdraw monies from the Capital Reserve Account for fire truck replacement. These monies shall comply with the grant criteria for receiving \$192,600 for fire truck replacement. The fire truck to be replaced is 25 years old and will be sold with the purchase price to be returned to the town account and eventually to the Capital Account for Fire Trucks.

Training continues to move forward with 2 firefighters receiving certification to Level I and 4 firefighters to Level II. We also have a firefighter studying for a Fire Science Degree. In addition, 1 firefighter completed EMT training with 3 more pending the testing process.

Inspections and Fire Prevention Education continues to grow due to our population increasing. Our Fire Prevention Officer works with toddlers to adults in fire safety programs both in and out of the schools. Although new residential building was temporarily controlled, additions, renovations and commercial construction continued. As a reminder, all new occupied construction must have a life safety inspection prior to occupancy. This check is to make sure there is compliance to the State Fire Code for

working smoke detectors and the inspection of the furnace or other heating devices per RSA 153:5.

Plans for future building space needs are and shall continue in the coming year as well as other administrative projects. I would like to extend an open invitation to visit us at the fire station and see what we are about. During the week Tuesday evenings are meetings and drill nights; however, many days the fire chief may be in and out of the office. A call would confirm this. The spring and summer weather brings Saturday morning car washes and the perfect time to get acquainted. Hey, who knows, you may like what you see and will consider becoming a member or a member with the firefighters association.

In closing I would again express my personal THANK YOU to everyone for all your support. REMEMBER! It is better to be called and not needed....THAN NEEDED AND NOT CALLED. EMERGENCY – CALL 911.

Any questions of fire safety concerns, fire permits, or inspections please call the business office at 878-1364 and leave a message. This is NOT the emergency telephone line.

SAFETY TIPS FOR EVERYONE

- SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES
- CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS – CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES
- CLEAN YOUR CHIMNEY AND STOVE PIPES REGULARLY. PUT ASHES INTO A COVERED METAL CONTAINER
- NO STORAGE OF COMBUSTIBLES NEAR HEAT PRODUCING APPLIANCES
- WHEN NEEDED.....GET OUT AND STAY OUT!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Hewitt, Jr., Fire Chief

FIRE RESPONSE BREAKDOWN AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

Motor Vehicle Accidents	67
Motor Vehicle Fires	9
Automatic Fire Alarms	47
Chimney Fires (includes furnace problems)	7
Structure Fires	4
Mutual Aid Responses (cover duty and to the incident scene, fires, MVA's helicopter stand by)	19
Rescues (includes requests for medical aid, lift assists, entrapment, searches)	15
Electrical issues/problems (wires down, trees on wires)	18
Hazardous Materials Responses	8
Brush Fires	7
Water Problems	1
Miscellaneous (other alarms, service calls, lockouts)	29
Investigations	16
Fire Drills (10 drills – 4 schools)	<u>40</u>
TOTAL	449

FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding area) is completely covered with snow. Violations of the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, in addition to the costs of suppressing the fire.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning. Contact the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information.

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and making sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at www.nhdfi.org, or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

2003 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported thru November 3, 2003)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Belknap	40	4.86
Carroll	46	13.99
Cheshire	8	.68
Coos	7	17.40
Grafton	22	12.60
Hillsborough	60	11.34
Merrimack	98	10.45
Rockingham	56	18.54
Strafford	34	7.94
Sullivan	3	2.03

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	10
Campfire	25
Children	13
Smoking	20
Debris	226
Railroad	3
Lightning	2
Equipment	8
Misc. *	67

(*Misc: powerlines, fireworks, Electric fences, etc.)

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

This year started out with 12 straight days of snow. We all remember the winter of 2002-2003 as being one of the worst we have seen in a very long time. All the storms we had put a real strain on our operating budget. We used our whole winter's budget during January through April, leaving none for November and December.

We also had to deal with some serious breakdowns of equipment. We did receive a small reimbursement from one of the February storms but that didn't even put a dent in what winter cost.

After the winter season, we worked on the following: drainage repairs and improvements were made to Malthouse, Timbertop, Hubbard Pond, Stowell, Boynton Hill, and Thayer Roads. Ditching was done on Willard, North, Leel, and Wilson Hill Roads. Brush was cut on Greenville, Wilton, Temple, and Greenbriar Roads. We finished paving Greenville and started paving River Road. I am hopeful that the warrant article for paving gets approved as that is the only money we will have to do any paving or sealing.

Although I do not agree with them, the Selectmen and Finance Advisory Committee want to use the Highway Block Grant to offset the budget instead of making improvements to our roads. When you look at the budget you will see there is no money in there for road maintenance. All maintenance money is coming from the Block Grant.

During the summer, our 1980 grader broke down and after much discussion the Selectmen decided to lease/purchase a new grader which will take care of the town's needs for many years.

We will be asking to take money from the capital Reserve Account to purchase a new dump truck. This will be used to **replace the 1985 truck. We are not adding to the fleet.** As a result of the vote in 2003 the Selectmen voted to scrap the 1987 truck instead of making expensive repairs. This reduced our fleet from 4 trucks down to 3, making every project longer to complete.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and all the town office personnel for their trust and support.

The Highway Department consists of full time employees: Dennis Eastman, Foreman, Gregg Eastman, Hazen Fisk, Ken Saari, and Bob Boisvert. Part time workers are: Christian Lund, Mike Heikkila, Roland Desrosiers, Scott Vaillancourt, Richard Drouin, and Jason Vaillancourt.

On behalf of the Highway Department, I want to thank you, the taxpayers, for all of your support and understanding.

Respectfully submitted,
David A. Leel, Road Agent

TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER

2003 brought an end to the Landfill as we know it. Complying with the State mandated closure, and articles approved on the warrant, we changed to a transfer station.

Although there was a great deal of confusion during the first couple of months of operation, I am pleased to say that as a result of hard work on the part of the staff everything is working well.

Because of issues out of our control, the closure got off to a very late start, and was unable to be completed before the winter season set in. The work will start again as soon as the weather allows and will be completed by early summer.

I want to thank John Cooke, Gary Somero, and Jeff MacGillivray for the tremendous job they have done on the closure project. They are truly an asset to the Town of New Ipswich.

A big thanks to our staff: George, Paul, Eric, and Karen for the hard work and dedication they give every day.

I especially want to thank the users of the transfer station and recycling center for your patience and understanding.

Respectfully submitted,
David A. Leel, Road Agent

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

The final preparations for the closing of the New Ipswich landfill began in earnest during the past winter. The necessary paperwork for the State of New Hampshire's Department of Environmental Services involved separate requirements for the capping of the landfill and the establishment of an official transfer station. The Solid Waste Committee was involved in the paper work permitting the establishment of the New Ipswich Transfer Station and the landfill closure as well as the Selectmen's process of hiring the various contractors for these projects. Hoyle-Tanner and Associates was responsible for the bidding contracts for both projects and overseeing the landfill closure. There were problems with the necessary permitting paperwork involving Hoyle-Tanner and Associates that resulted in delays for the opening of the Transfer Station. Also, because the bidding on the landfill closure occurred much later than the committee was led to expect, capping was only partially completed.

A summary of the work that was completed during 2003 follows. The set up of the transfer station involved changes in the power lines by Public Service of New Hampshire, the installation of conduits, electrical panels, and phase converters for the compactors by Grace Electric Company, and paving of the transfer station roads by Continental Paving Company. There were other essential contractors involved in the construction of the wall and of the pads for the compactors, installation of the wall railing, purchase and placement of the Goodwill and car battery storage units, and the placement of required new signs. The Committee was involved with the recommendation of Glen Shaw and Son, Inc. for the compactor used for paper/cardboard removal, with Waste Management for the removal contract of bagged trash and open container waste. Several other private companies and individuals were also involved in the preparation and approval of construction plans for the transfer station. The transfer station was up and running for the beginning of June 2003.

At the same time, the committee was involved with contracts for wood chipping of the stumps and their mixing with dried septage, a contract with New England Organics for the short paper fiber to be used for as the base material for the landfill cap, the clearing of land for the placement of the short paper fiber, and the selection of Park Construction Company. Park Construction prepared the landfill for capping and spread the short paper fiber on the banks of the landfill. They also prepared the remaining short paper fiber for storage during the winter of 2003-4.

Some of the work and issues that must be dealt with during 2004 are as follows. Park Construction will complete the spreading of the short paper fiber on top of the landfill. Additional soil and the planting of grass will then complete the major part of landfill capping. This work should be done by the end of June depending on the weather. There will be continued testing of the water from the wells that have been set in place. In addition, a gas monitoring system will be installed in the building used to garage the payloader. The monitoring of the water and gas wells is a State requirement that will continue for about 30 years and must become a permanent part of the Town Budget.

The committee had attempted to determine the cost of running the Transfer Station based on the cost of waste removal and the cost of running the facility (including labor, electricity and miscellaneous items). The committee based their findings on Warrant Article #7 (2001) which states that the selectmen would establish a fee system that would collect all, or most, operational and capital costs from the user or generator of the waste, such as a pay per bag fee when disposing of trash, instead of from property tax revenues. Thus, the costs for disposal of trash was used to determine the price paid per bag and the price of disposed items in the open trash container. The committee determined a cost of ten cents per pound for disposal of waste.

The figures from Waste Management through November 20 show an average of 7.5 tons per week of bagged trash and 4.5 tons per week of open dumpster trash. This equals about 624 tons per year. At a removal cost of \$80 per ton, the total for one year is about \$50,000. During this time interval, Waste Management has hauled on average two loads per week at a cost of \$115 per load that comes to \$12,000 per year plus a fuel surcharge. Waste Management also gets \$395.00 per month for rental equipment at a cost of \$5,000.00 per year. The total costs for both the paper and waste disposal is projected at \$67,000 per year. Other transfer station expenses including salaries, electricity, disposal bags and maintenance is projected to be about \$77,400. This gives an estimated operating cost for 2004 of at least \$142,000 for the transfer station. This cost determines the cost of the bags and the cost of items that go into the open trash container.

Approximately 70 large bags or 140 small bags are used per ton of trash. At the original set cost of \$2.50 per large bag and \$1.25 per small bag, the revenue generated would have been close to \$1,312 per week. The open container trash cost, based on ten cents per pound would produce \$900 of revenue per week. At these costs, the total revenue expected would be \$115,000 per year. Currently, the open container trash generates only

\$100 per ton, or \$450 per week. The revenue generated from bags sold at half price is only \$656 per week. At these rates, the total revenue generated for trash removal will be only \$57,512 per year , or 40% of the total operating expenses of the transfer station. The revenue issue will be a challenge in the coming year.

The current (2003) expenses for operating the transfer station required the use of the Fund Balance. This was the result of portions of Warrant Articles 26 and 27 passed at the 2002 Town Meeting not being allowed by the State Department of Revenue Administration. Their objection was related to the Articles not including a "sum certain" in the wording of the articles. Revenues collected from the sale of bags and trash and from the sale of recyclables could not go into the Transfer Station Reserve Funds established by these articles to pay operating expense of the transfer station but instead were placed into the general fund. Warrant Articles transferring these revenues into the Reserve Funds must be approved by vote at the 2004 Town Meeting.

I am indebted to members of this committee during the time that I have served as Chairman. The time and effort of David Leel, who regularly attended our meetings and gave important input into the set up of the transfer station was most valuable. I appreciate the input and concerns of Selectmen Jay Hopkins on many of the issues with which we have had to deal. Jeffrey MacGillivray was extremely helpful with facts and figures. We are most fortunate to have Gary Somero on the committee with his expertise in construction. He served the Town well in the set up and construction of the transfer station and the landfill closure. To all who have helped during the past year, including Cheryl Billings, Beverly Vaillancourt, and George Slyman, I express my sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,
John C. Cooke, Chairman



PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board has had a very busy year. The Master Plan Update Committee had begun work in 2002 with the formation of Affinity Groups. The purpose of these volunteer citizen groups was to identify the important land use issues. Because there had been a high level of residential construction during the past three years, citizens were becoming aware of changes in the town and consequently participation in these groups was high.

The Affinity Groups conclusions were presented at a Town Forum in November 2002. From these groups together with additional citizen input, three key issues of concern were identified. First, retaining the rural character of the town. Second, manage the rate of growth of the town. Third, protection of the water supply. Topic groups were formed around these issues to investigate how to address those concerns.

At the same time, a separate citizens initiative was organized to address these concerns. Their proposed solution was to call for a special town meeting to vote on changing the zoning in the rural district to five-acre lot sizes. In a very close January 2003 election, this proposal was defeated.

In response to the high level of concern over growth, the Planning Board proposed an Interim Growth Management Ordinance for the March 2003 ballot. This ordinance passed by a two-thirds majority.

This result was viewed by the Master Plan Update Committee as an indication that the citizens of the town were very concerned about growth and was a validation of the issues identified by the Affinity Groups.

Because the Interim Growth Management Ordinance was only good for one year and can not be renewed, this created a deadline for the Master Plan Update Committee and Planning Board to write new zoning ordinances in time for the March 2004 Town Meeting.

The Topic Groups work led to the creation of an information packet and a questionnaire that was distributed to all residents of the town in September 2003. The purpose of the packet and questionnaire was to inform the citizens of the issues and possible solutions, as well as solicit citizen input as to which issues were important and what were the preferred solutions.

Over 1000 questionnaires were filled out and returned. There was a large majority in agreement that preservation of open space was important to maintaining the rural character of the town as well as protecting wildlife and other natural resources. There was additional broad agreement that water resources should be protected.

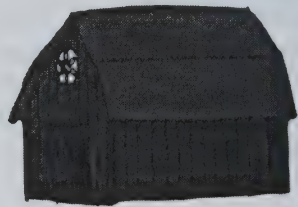
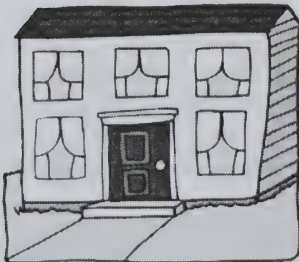
The Master Plan Update Committee formed an Ordinance Drafting Committee to work with Southwest Region Planning Commission to draft zoning ordinances reflecting the results of the questionnaire. This is an on going process that will result in a series of warrant articles on the March 2004 Town Ballot.

Also during the year, the Planning Board was active in administering the Interim Growth Management Ordinance and reviewing subdivision and site plan applications. The Planning Board has met at least twice monthly and as frequently as weekly for several months this year. The Planning Board has updated and clarified its application checklist. It has also made arrangements with a consulting engineer to review all applications and have the engineer work with applicants to ensure that the application is complete.

During 2003, the Planning Board reviewed and released to the Building Permit Officer thirty-two new residential construction building permit applications. The Planning Board reviewed 16 subdivision applications and approved the creating of 13 new lots. Ten site plans were reviewed.

There is substantially more work ahead for the Planning Board. First, the Master Plan update must still be done. Second, the subdivision and site plan regulations must be updated. And finally, the continuous work of reviewing applications for subdivision and site plans.

Respectfully submitted,
Woody Meisner, Chairman



ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

In 2003, the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) granted thirteen special exceptions (up from 11 last year), two variances (up from 1), two equitable waivers (none last year), and heard one administrative appeal. In addition, ZBA members participated in the Master Planning process, serving on focus groups to study the Zoning Ordinance, as well as other aspects of town resources.

The fact that the number of applications to the ZBA were up in all categories despite this year's growth management initiative, suggests that there will be a pent up demand for development in 2004. The Town needs to review its Zoning Ordinance carefully to make sure that population growth and land development do not overwhelm New Ipswich's rural character, scenic beauty, and fragile environmental resources.

Greg Hanselman became a member of the ZBA this year, after ably serving as an alternate. Clark Baldwin, David Cotzin, and Toni Lovell continued to contribute their valuable insights as permanent members, and Jim Coffey continued as an alternate. Joanne Meshna's invaluable service as Secretary to this board ensured its smooth functioning. We are still in need of volunteers and welcome interested members of the community as participants. This is a chance to find out what is happening in your town and to have an impact on its future at a crucial time in the history of New Ipswich. If you are interested, please contact any member of the ZBA for more information.

The ZBA meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at the Town Office. When necessary and appropriate, the board schedules additional meetings to meet the needs of applicants. Since additional meetings are unbudgeted, the applicant covers their costs. To make appointments with the ZBA and to get any additional information about New Ipswich's zoning regulations and procedures, please contact Joanne Meshna during regular working hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Williams, Chairman

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

At our meeting in July, Dave Howard, Sexton, submitted his resignation for health reasons, and the trustees reluctantly accepted it. As Sexton, Dave Howard's service to this town has been thoughtful and conscientious. He cared about our cemeteries and cared for them with reverence, respect, and responsibility. Dave went way beyond the call of duty; he anticipated what needed to be done and did it superbly.

The town is fortunate to have elected a trustee who was willing to step in and do his best to carry on for Dave, and that is Oliver Niemi. At our July meeting, the trustees appointed Oliver as Sexton and accepted his resignation as a trustee. Oliver agreed to finish the year, and it looks as if he may be willing to continue in the job for another year.

For 2003, the Highway Department took on the job of mowing and trimming the cemeteries. It proved to be a mistake. Largely because of their inability to hire temporary workers for the whole summer, the work was not completed. This fall the trustees met with the Highway Department and came to a quick agreement about the ownership of mowing equipment. That equipment has been moved back to the town barn and is once again under the control of the trustees. The Highway will continue to dig and fill the graves and haul away the brush and leaves, but the mowing and trimming will again be the responsibility of the cemetery trustees.

After careful consideration, the trustees notified the Recreation Department and the Selectmen that the fishing derby is an important community activity but that as conducted is not appropriate for the cemeteries. We recommended a pond other than the cemetery pond be used and suggested the pond created by the dam in Smithville. The cemetery trustees then set down the conditions under which the derby could continue to use the pond in Central Cemetery. Those conditions were sent to the Recreation Department and to the Selectmen. We look for a resolution before the end of 2003.

During the year twelve burials took place in our cemeteries, six full burials and six cremations. One lot was sold and another sold back to the cemeteries. Monuments were placed on graves and the Sexton and the trustees worked with the families to place six new veterans' stones. We also spent several work days removing dead trees from the Old Burial Ground and cleaning up the brush in and around that cemetery. Fifteen

hundred dollars was spent from the Maintenance Fund to restore monuments that need repair, and that work which began in 2000 will be continued for several more years.

The budget for 2004 was approved by the Finance Advisory Committee and the Selectmen. A plan for short and long range goals for the cemeteries was submitted to the Finance Committee, and a Capital Improvement Plan was submitted to the Master Plan Update Committee.

The Cemetery Trustees and the Cemetery Sexton meet (usually) on the third Tuesday of each month. The dates and times of the meetings are posted in the town office. The public is invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Nathaniel Ober, Chairman

OLD TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

Our committee has not been very active during the year, primarily because no funds were allocated to us to complete the painting of the north and west sides of the Old Town Hall. We did however solicit estimates to complete this project, in the event that funds would become available that could be used along with a small amount of money we have available through donations, etc.

We are hoping that the town will eventually allow funds to complete this part of the project and other important things that should be addressed to restore this old historic building.

Thanking you in advance for your concern.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Ackerson, Chairman

POLICE DEPARTMENT

On behalf of the members of the New Ipswich Police Department, I present to you the New Ipswich Police Department Annual Town Report. I would like to welcome to the New Ipswich Police Department our new employees, Police Sergeant Timothy Carpenter and Animal Control Officer Richard Caravella.

As the New Ipswich Police Department continues to employ traditional law enforcement methods along with the concepts of Community Policing to keep crime at bay, the police department made 160 adult and juvenile arrests, which represents a 100% increase over last year.

Calls for Service (CFS) continue to increase each year as the population of New Ipswich expands. For fiscal year 2003, the Police Department responded to almost 4000 Calls for Service, an increase of more than 150%. Overall, crimes against persons and property are down. These figures are impressive and are an excellent example of how effective our police officers have been in identifying suspects and deterring crime. I have adopted a zero tolerance policy that has proven to significantly decrease the repeat offenders. We are working diligently to remove the tarnish from the New Ipswich image and I believe that we are succeeding.

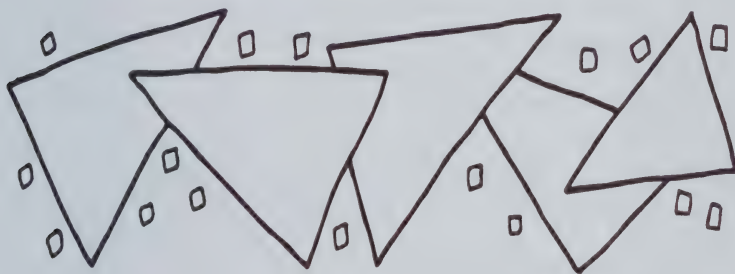
The Police Department has been working diligently revising and redefining how police services are delivered to the New Ipswich community with the implementation of a new policy manual, and the quest for State Recognition, which is the first step in the Accreditation process. Recognition is awarded after confirmed compliance with 100 standards most relevant to life and safety issues. Accreditation is one element that assures the police and the community that police service is cost effective, professional, and compassionate.

By obtaining State Accreditation, the New Ipswich Police Department will be better prepared to provide critical law enforcement services. An independent study conducted by the Inter-Governmental Risk Management Association (IRMA) found that accredited police agencies experience 17% fewer lawsuits and one third less in financial payouts than non-accredited agencies. I am confident that the New Ipswich Police Department will meet its goal of achieving State Recognition in 2004 and will soon join the ranks of other New Hampshire communities who are Nationally Accredited.

The year 2003 saw many changes and upgrades in the police department and its equipment. The New Ipswich Police Department maintains a web page that can be accessed at www.nipd.net and I welcome all members of the community to visit the page frequently to keep up to date on police activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief W. Garrett Chamberlain



ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

This being my first year as the Animal Control Officer, I decided to compare the data from 1993 with this year's. Here are a few of the facts. The present kennel was erected in 1993 with labor and material donated by the townspeople. The kennel is still in good shape but could use a few improvements to keep the blowing snow and rain from coming thru the spaces between the boards, and a few repairs to the chain link fencing. Hopefully someone has some spare material that could be used and I will donate the labor.

The number of dog registrations in 1993 was 308; by 2003 that number had grown to 628. In 1993 there were 318 complaints received with 106 being raccoon problems; in 2003 there were 338 complaints with only 7 being raccoon related.

With the increasing population in New Ipswich it is more important than ever to be sure that your dogs are registered and up to date on their shots. There is also a state law (RSA 466:31), which basically states that you

must keep your dog restrained and under your control at all times. These are common sense measures to protect your pets from disease, accidents and predators such as coyote and fisher cats. It also insures that your dog will be quickly returned to you should it run off and be picked up by Animal Control.

Just a reminder that the annual rabies clinic will be held in April at the police station. Look for the announcement in the newspapers and the local and town bulletin boards.

2003 Statistics

Animal cruelty reports	7
Stray animals	68
Animal nuisance	93
Animal bites	7
Livestock (cows, horses) complaints	15
Animal/pet missing or lost	67
Unlicensed dog	9
Animal feed/water (at the kennel)	24
Abate nuisance notices served	10
Animal struck by vehicle	17
Animal wild (deer, bear, etc.)	21

The Animal Control Officer can be contacted at any time by calling the police department at 878-2771.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Caravella, Animal Control Officer



CONSERVATION COMMISSION



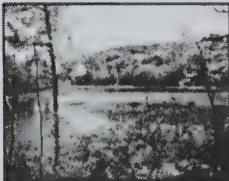
www.NewlpswichCC.org

The purpose of the Conservation Commission is to insure the “***proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of the said city or town***” (RSA 36-A). Commission activities are directly related to this purpose. Activities for 2003 are outlined below:

- The Commission is in the final stage of completing the town’s ***Natural Resource Inventory (NRI)***. The purpose of the NRI is to locate, classify and inventory the town’s natural resources to better enable town planners to protect them as they plan for the town’s growth. The natural resources included in the NRI are water resources (aquifers, ponds, streams, vernal pools, and watershed boundaries), open lands (forests, conservation lands, agricultural land, recreation land and trails, and contiguous undeveloped land), wildlife resources and steep slopes. The NRI has been an integral part of the development of the new Master Plan and the proposed Growth Management ordinances. The NRI will be available on the Commission’s web site.
- The town has obtained a conservation easement which connects two Class A Trails (Preston Hill Road and Whirlpool Road). A trail will be built on the easement providing a connection between River Road and the Williams Property.
- Several Commission members joined the Master Plan Affinity Groups to help create a survey that enabled the town’s citizens to provide feedback to planners on growth management and natural resource protection.
- The Commission sponsored a presentation on land protection. The presentation, which was open to the public, was given by the Executive Director (Richard Ober) of the Moanadnock Conservancy.
- The town’s Tree Warden (Friedericke Kazo) has been active in planting trees on town property and working with the schools to educate the young on the importance of trees.
- The Commission supervised a recently completed timber harvesting operation on the Johnson Conservation Property on Whittemore Hill. All revenues realized from the timber harvesting on town-owned conservation land goes into the town’s General Fund to help defray town expenses. The Commission has the

responsibility of ensuring that the timber harvesting operation follows the State of New Hampshire's Best Management Practices.

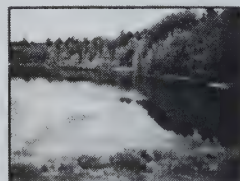
- The Conservation Commission and town are now represented on the Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee. The committee provides local advice on the monitoring and protection of the Souhegan River.
- Members of the Conservation Commission's Easement Monitoring Teams monitored the various conservation lands managed by the Conservation Commission. The purpose of the monitoring is to insure that the conservation values of the lands are not violated.
- During the year, Commission members maintained hiking trails located on town-owned conservation land. The hiking trails, which are provided for the use and enjoyment of the public, require ongoing maintenance such as brush cutting, bridge repair and other trail grooming activities.
- The Commission spent a great deal of time reviewing Wetland Permits and monitoring development activities adjacent to the wetlands. The Commission is very concerned about the impact the increased development will have on the town's wetlands. The wetlands are important for wildlife habitat, water storage and flood control. Wetlands are one of the town's most valuable natural resources, and your Commission spends a considerable amount of time protecting them.
- The Commission is looking for new members who have an interest in protecting the town's natural resources and are able to give time to various Commission projects. If you are interested, please contact the Town Office.



Hoar Pond
Nussdorfer Nature Area



Furnace Brook Falls
Rhoads Easement



Flood Control Dam
Dam Site 13

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Boynton

Chairman

BUILDING PERMIT OFFICER

In March 2003 the voters voted for a year's moratorium on new house construction. This was done to allow the Planning Board to come up with new rules and regulations regarding growth in New Ipswich. A number of proposals are on the town ballot for March of 2004 for consideration. These proposals culminated after surveys and questionnaires were distributed throughout town to try to decipher what you as voters would like for your future growth. Please read these proposals carefully before making up your mind.

We issued 32 new house permits and 98 miscellaneous permits as detailed below.

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Homes	50	55	71	32
Mobile Homes	8	5	8	2 (replaced)
Miscellaneous	<u>72</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>96</u>
Totals	130	139	176	130

Respectfully submitted,
George H. Lawrence, Building Permit Officer

BOARD OF HEALTH

In the beginning of the year the Board of Selectmen served as Health Officers. We then received an application for the position. After a trial period it was mutually agreed that in the best interest of all concerned the individual would withdraw from the position and the Board of Selectmen reassumed the position as Board of Health.

As usual, many of the problems dealt with septic systems, and their failures and deficiencies plus other areas regarding water supplies. We would like to remind citizens of the need for an ongoing testing program regarding drinking water in their homes.

There is still a need for a Health Officer. If you would like to apply, please contact the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,
George H. Lawrence, Chairman

HOME HEALTHCARE, HOSPICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

In 2003, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services continued to provide homecare and community services to the residents of New Ipswich. The following information represents HCS's activities in your community in 2003.

SERVICE REPORT

<u>Services Offered</u>	<u>Services Provided</u>
Nursing	858 visits
Physical Therapy	301 visits
Occupational Therapy	42 visits
Medical Social Worker	14 visits
Outreach	5 visits
Homemaker Hours	194 hours
Adult In-Home Care	772 hours
Home Health Aide	713 visits
Home & Community Based Services	1, 196 hours

Home and Community Based Care is a Medicaid program which offers extended home care services to individuals who are in need of nursing home level care but can be maintained at home for a lower cost.

Total Unduplicated Residents Served: 80

Regularly scheduled wellness clinics, child health clinics, prenatal and hospice care are also available to residents. Town funding partially supports these services.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The actual cost of all services provided in 2003 with all funding sources is \$215,455.00

These services have been supported to the greatest extent possible by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurances, grants and patient fees. Services that were not covered by other funding have been supported by your town.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ashworth, Director of Community Relations

WELFARE ADMINISTRATION

The Welfare Department had 23 active cases in the year 2003, which is an increase over 17 from 2002. The majority of the aid was in the area of shelter, both emergency and long term. The increase of new cases contributed to the budget being overspent by \$5,718. The breakdown of the costs can be found below. The expenses in the miscellaneous line include prescription medication, automobile fuel, emergency home repairs, and automobile payments. The Welfare department was given \$29,000 to work with. The department spent a total of \$34,718. By New Hampshire Statute, the Welfare budget can be overspent, because no one that is qualified to receive aid can be denied.

I resigned the position of Welfare Director as of October 31, 2003. The need in town has grown to such an extent that I could no longer act as the Director while fulfilling the position of Selectmen's Secretary at the same time. Many hours are needed to be put in to have an effective Welfare Department that is not taken advantage of. I felt that the position needs someone who has some flexibility in their schedule and can devote the time needed to do a thorough job. As of the writing of this report, the process of hiring a new Director is still underway.

I cannot stress enough the need for people to approach this office before a utility is shut off, or an eviction notice is received. The more time allowed to reach a solution usually prevents further inflated costs of reconnection or emergency shelter.

The Welfare Office is open Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and can be reached at 878-2772.

DEPARTMENT EXPENSES

Welfare Administration	\$ 1,045.98
Electric Payments	2,523.10
Heat Payments	1,928.16
Food	2,730.07
Shelter	24,889.30
Miscellaneous	<u>1,601.76</u>
TOTAL	\$34,718.37

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Billings, Welfare Director, resigned

LIBRARY

During the past summer, construction began on a handicapped access to the library. In addition to the ramp and new entrance, a minor configuration of interior space will provide a handicapped accessible bathroom facility and will create additional shelf space for our expanding collection. This construction project is being overseen by the Hutter Construction Company and is undertaken through the generous contribution of time and talent of several local contractors and a commitment of \$20,000 from the Library.

The Library computers are being networked, which will allow access to programs from any of the computer stations. The Board of Trustees and the Library staff would like to thank Tim Somero for donating his time and expertise to this project.

Interlibrary loan materials are also being delivered in a more timely fashion. The New Ipswich Library is now a participant in the State van delivery system as part of the Greenville Library stop, with the possibility of direct delivery in the coming year.

The Library has an active "Book Club" with approximately 14 members, who meet on Wednesday evening to discuss the books they are reading. "Bedtime Story Hour" is also offered on Monday evenings.

The Summer Reading Program was very successful with more than 40 participants. Small prizes were offered for each book read and gift certificates to the Toadstool Bookstore were awarded at the end of the program.

As part of the Summer Program, the Library sponsored a performance by Steve Thomas. This performance was very well attended by 40 or more children and their parents. The performance was made possible by a grant from the Stearns-Burton Fund. All of us at the New Ipswich Library thank them for their continued support of Library programming.

The Library continues to support our elementary school system by providing class visits to the Library. In addition, the Library assists and supports pre-school and home school students in our community.

In conclusion, the Board of Trustees and the Library staff would like to extend our thanks to the Children's Fair and the PTA for their generous contributions and our sincere appreciation to the Town of New Ipswich for

it's continued support. This support is invaluable and necessary to keep the level of library service the Library now offers.

The New Ipswich Library is open 5 days a week.

Monday & Wednesday 2 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Tuesday & Friday 9 a.m. – 1. p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - noon

Librarian; Anne Soini Asst. Librarians; Ann-Marie Howard, Celia Koski and Laurie Bellamy.

Trustees: Renee Blanchette, Connie Cooke, Richard Hall, Jim Hicks, Christine Kane, Fredericke Kazo, Mikko Salokangas, and John Sterrett.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Cooke
Library Board of Trustees President

SOUHEGAN VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE

Because of our dedicated and hardworking members, Souhegan Valley Ambulance Service is able to continue to serve Greenville and New Ipswich. We currently have eighteen Basic EMT's, seven Intermediate EMT's, and two First Responders. These people have responded to 460 calls for an ambulance in 2003.

After receiving certification, our members must receive 48 hours of continuing education every year. They also are required to sign up for four 12 hour shifts per month, even though many sign up for more than the required minimum. Above and beyond their required call, our members often respond to calls for an ambulance when not on call.

Souhegan Valley Ambulance Service had updated defibrillators in each town for emergency response use. Once again, despite increased calls, we have been able to keep our costs low and deliver a budget to Greenville and New Ipswich that is less than the previous year.

Respectfully submitted,
George R. McCreery, Chairman of the Board of Directors

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

In the past year (2003) we have made more progress towards a more manageable complex.

The rooftop heat and cooling units which were not being used were removed from the Police Department roof, which should end most of the water leaks on that roof. Also most of the duct work has been removed inside.

We shingled the back half of the pitched roof on the Town Office to complete that roof, and installed a ridge vent. Also, repairs were done to the SAU #63 roof and highway garage.

The boilers and furnaces in all our buildings are new or near new, and we have service contracts on all units. So, we should have no heat issues for 10 years, other than the boiler at the Fire Station, which is very old.

We have renewed our heating oil contract, so we have a stable price and source of oil for the heating season.

We replaced the two air conditioning units in the Town Office. We have no central air conditioning in the Police Department, and we should address this in the near future.

We made some interior changes in the Police Department, including stripping the floors and walls in the booking and pre-booking rooms and refinishing walls and floors.

I also divided the part-time officers room into two rooms – the new area is now a locker/changing room for each officer to keep their uniforms and equipment.

I also ran CAT5 cable throughout the Police Department to network all the computers.

It has been a pleasure working with the Selectmen and Department Heads and I look forward to fewer challenges in 2004.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob McArthur, Facilities Manager

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) is charged to review budgets and make recommendations with the needs of the town in mind as well as the charge to spend the town's money conservatively and wisely. The purpose of the FAC is to provide the Board of Selectmen with recommendations that have been given the time and attention needed and not divided by the multiple other tasks for which the Board of Selectmen are responsible.

After an initial discussion with the Board of Selectmen, based on the recommendations from last year, in the early fall 2003 a joint meeting was held that presented a process and procedure for budget presentation and review that the Committee and the Selectmen would follow. At that time a budget goal was proposed and agreed upon as a reasonable goal that would produce a budget the Town could support. Throughout the fall budgets have been presented and reviewed in the spirit of that meeting. Mission statements have been presented (sometimes with special requests to fully articulate) along with short- and long-range goals and explanations with justifications for budget increases have been discussed. This was well done for the first effort and has promise for the future. The information and discussions clarified the work of the Committee and permitted a level of query, guidance and accountability that, for the most part, the Committee felt comfortable using. This work has required extra effort and attention from the unit heads and their efforts should be acknowledged and appreciated.

It has been the intention of the FAC to present a budget as close to the stated goal as possible and to offer justifications for any significant items that impact that goal. For example there may be an extra piece of equipment or a personnel change that increases the request above the expected level, but with sufficient cause and rationale that the Committee supports and believes the town should be informed of the special circumstances for the request—and support it.

Each week minutes, with requests and recommendations, were submitted to the town office with the expectation that the Selectmen would read and respond to them—sharing the information with the unit head, as well as considering this information as they reviewed the requests in front of them.

Unfortunately it appears that the plan has broken down with one or two department unit heads and with the town offices as well. The presentation of significant increases occurred with no explanation and no representation at the budget review meeting where questions could be asked. The result was an overall town budget request much higher than the goal.

To assist with the analysis, the FAC presented a chart to the BOS that indicated the areas of significant decreases and increases and requested the BOS review and prioritize the increases. This would enable the two bodies to reduce some requests and therefore to reach the goal agreed upon in the fall. This was partially done. As of this date, the budgets have been reviewed but the Warrant Article reviews have not yet been completed. We hope to resolve the remaining differences in the early part of January. We will have the materials and budget status sheets available for the town's citizens and for the newspaper to explain the recommendations of the Committee as we did last year.

You have before you a summary of the budgets requested and the recommendations from the FAC and the BOS to date (December 22, 2003). For a few units (in shaded area) issues and differences are indicated. The bottom line of the FAC recommendation is about 8.7% higher than last years budgeted figures or approximately 4.9% of the Town's 2003 actual expenses.

The Committee recognizes that there are increases in the budget requests of many of the units it reviews and for the town overall. However, there have also been increases in the population in the town for the past few years. The Committee would like to consider the recommendation of budgets in coordination with the expected revenue.

Activities requested from last year

Last year the Committee submitted seven requests/questions for the Board of Selectmen. Below are abbreviated request and the status:

- Provide guidelines for what types of request/expense are appropriate for warrant articles verses the operational budgets.
- *This was partially accomplished.*
- Inform all town units regarding the appropriateness of public mailings, informational and/ or political.
- *We believe this was accomplished.*
- Last year there was a request and recommendation to replace the streetlights. The town requested the Selectmen appoint a small

committee to look at examples of the two options at locations near by and provide a recommendation to the Selectmen.

- *This was accomplished.*
- The Committee requests the Planning Board and the Assessors resolve the issue regarding the tax maps.
- *It is not clear whether this has been resolved or not.*
- The Committee requests the Selectmen review all town personnel salary lines for appropriate increases.
- *This is in process in coordination with the issues of a union as well as the responsibilities and authorities of town office personnel.*
- Several Committee members and unit heads discussed the opportunities for selling some town owned and maintained structures to reduce town costs and add the property to the tax roles.
- *This has been partially accomplished (the old police station is for sale).*
- The Committee believes the town must not have a default budget. Recognizing that the budget must increase, the goal is to meet the needs of the town with a minimum impact on the tax burden of the citizens. The Committee recommends an overall goal for the budget be agreed upon and recommends specific processes for each unit budget reviewed.
- *This has been partially accomplished.*

Recommendations for next year 2004:

- The FAC recommends that the budget planning process begun this year be continued with assistance provided for presentation and fiscal analysis to any unit head who requests such assistance.
- The FAC would like to see a review of the revenue and population growth vs. budget and expenses of the town in relation to that growth. As growth will drive some expenses for services and equipment. The key for the voters is the impact on taxes, overall services and supporting the quality of the town the voters desire.
- The FAC would like to see a capital spending plan—long and short term, with priority of items listed. The capital budget request should reflect this plan and permit reasonable acquisition of equipment needed—emergency funds should also be identified.
- There have been at least two requests for revenue to be directed into spending for the unit, Parks and Recreation and the Conservation Commission (expansion of the current practice). And while these units

have two different goals, there are several units that have revenue and there doesn't appear to be any record or relationship recorded of revenue vs. expenses. The FAC requests the BOS review the policies and procedures for department budgets whose expenses are based on revenue.

- Some members of the Committee recommend the town explore increasing the number of selectmen from three to five and hire a town manager to spread the workload and to support the work of the selectmen and its committees.

MONADNOCK CABLE TELEVISION CONSORTIUM

In 2001, the Selectmen of Bennington, Hancock, Jaffrey, New Ipswich, Peterborough, Temple, and Walpole created the Monadnock Cable Consortium to provide efficient cable franchise negotiation for this area.

The steps required to complete a new cable franchise agreement are defined by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) regulations. Public hearings to obtain citizen input were held in 2002. The Towns and the cable provider defined significant issues. The terms of the existing franchise in each town would remain in effect during the negotiations for the new agreement.

Negotiation sessions have resulted in a tentative agreement containing the following key issues:

1. Term of the agreement will be five years.
2. Cable service will be extended in the spring of 2004 on Page Hill Road and to Jalen Drive.
3. Cost to extend cable service and expected return on investment is being finalized for interconnected roads; Perry, Collins, Windy Hill, and Oak Hill.
4. Franchise fee, based on invoice of all cable services, will remain at 2 percent.
5. Franchise fee revenue will be paid to the Town semiannually.
6. Town has the right under FCC Certification to review, object, or accept future changes in basic cable rates.

The franchise agreement work is being finalized with presentation to the Selectmen for adoption in early 2004.

Respectfully submitted,
David E. Peakes, Representative to the Consortium

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

The Town observed Memorial Day on May 18, 2003. It was the Town's 117th observance. Participation by local vets was very good, as well as from other towns. I would like to thank George "Butch" Leel, Emanuel Pinkney, and Oliver Niemi for their effort and long hours to make this observance such a success.

Respectfully submitted,
William Edmonds, Chairman

Dedicated to those who served our country during peace and war lest we forget.

(*) Indicates died in service for their country.

Aaltonen, Rudolph
Adams, Ephrain
*Adams, Phineas
Aho, Charles F.
Aho Jr., Leonard
Aho, Norman
Aho Sr., Leonard
Aldrich, William
Allard, James
Allard, Paul R.
Ames, Captain Jacob
Anderson, Oliva R.
Andrews, Asa
Antilla, Alexander
Appleton, Francis
Appleton, Euguene F.
Barney, F.
Bartecchi, Eugene J.
Batchelder, Samuel
Beaudoin, Robert M.
Bennett, Harlan
Bernier, James R.
Berube, C. Kenneth
Bewley, William
Blackburn, Royce
Blanchard, Edwin F.
Blanchard, Simeon
Bon, Primus B.
Bonner, Clarence
Bourgault, Lucien
Bowman, Nellie
Boyce, Paul L.

Breed Jr., Allen
Breed, John
Brooks, Stephen
Brown, Captain Abner
Burdick, William
Cadman, Donald H.
Carter, Edward
Chandler, Arthur
Chandler, James L.
Chandler, James R.
Chapman, Fred
Clark, Ebenezer
Clark Sr., Richard A.
Coleman, Robert J.
Corbett, Ransom
Cummings, Charles
Cutter, John
Davidson, P. Edwin
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Dicker, Arthur A.
Donley, Captain William
Donley, Michael P.
Dutton, Jonas
Edmond, Brian
Estes, Thomas C.
Fairfield, Edward
*Fairfield, Richard C.
Farwell, Daniel
Fisher, Albert
Fitch, Leo
Flanagan, John

Fletcher, Ebenezer
 Fletcher, John A.
 Fletcher, Thomas
 Foskett, Isaac
 *Foster, Ephrain
 *Foster, Samuel
 Fournier, Steven
 Fowler, Archibault C.
 Franks, Joseph
 Frederick, Elisha
 Frost, Leon (Stubby)
 Frost, Ronald E.
 *Gagnon, Roche
 Garneau, Raoul
 Gilchrist, Harry
 Gordon, Robert
 Gore, John
 Gragink, Abner
 Greenman, William
 Greenwood, Donley
 Gregory Jr., Oren
 Hakala, Arthur
 Halfpenny, George
 Harbor, Farnsworth
 Hayden, Peter
 Heald, Thomas
 Hewitt Sr., Richard G.
 Hildreth, Stephen
 Hill, Leo
 Hogan, Kenneth N.
 Holombo, Douglas
 Hopkins, George
 Howard, Ambrose
 Howard, William
 Hubbard, George H.
 Hurd, Theodore
 Inbertila, Waino C.
 Jones, Herman
 Junni, Ragnar
 Kangas, Alfred
 Kangas, Harvey
 Kangas, John
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 Kangas, Ralph
 Kangas, Toivo M.
 Kangas, Walter
 Keay, John
 Keefe, Alden P.
 Kenney, Nicholas
 *Kenney, Samuel
 Kesti, Peter
 Kiddl, Reuben
 Kinney, Samuel
 Kirth, Donald
 Kivela, Reino W.
 Kivela, Sulo
 *Knowlton, John F.
 Knowlton, William R.
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 Koski, Charles
 Koski, Harvey
 Koski, Toivo J.
 Krook, Paul H.
 Lakanen, Daniel T.
 Lampi, Thomas T.
 Lampi, Uuno
 Lapointe, Peter
 LaBlanc, Joseph A.R.
 Legsadin, Sr., Warren E.
 Lehtola, Ahti
 Lehtola, Atso
 Lehtonen, Albert J.L.
 Lehtonen, Walter E.
 Lemons, Harry
 *Locke, Warren
 Lougee, Smith
 McCauley, Clay (Rev.)
 Maki, George
 Maki, Matti
 *Mansur, William
 Matson, John (Koski)
 Matthews, Frank
 *Maxwell, Earle R.
 McIntire, Alexander
 Messier, Donald
 Meyer, Gary
 Miller, James
 Moore, John
 Mossy, Isiah
 Nauss, Earl (Rev.)
 Nelson, Leo
 Nevhall, Onesimus
 *Nicholas, Warren C.
 Niskala, Vieikko
 Nishaka, Walter
 Novy, Jon
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 Nutting, Charles S.
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 *Nutting, George H.
 Nutting, George P.
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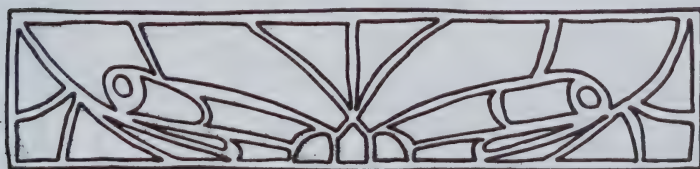
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 *Pike, John
 Pratt Jr., Chales H.
 Pratt Sr., Charles H.
 Pratt, John
 Prescott, Clarence
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 Preston, Roger
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 Raponi, Eli
 Rawlston, Chester
 *Ray, Walter
 *Ready, Patrick
 Rodenshiser, Lawrence A.
 St. Pierre, Eugene
 Salmu, Wilhemina
 *Scott, David
 *Shattuck, John B.
 *Shattuck, William
 Silver, Joseph C.
 Simeon, Flectcher (Rev.)
 Siren, Aarni R.
 Smith, Clarence
 Smith Merrill
 Solmon, Oscar
 Somero, Davis
 Somero, Everett
 Somero, Peter P.
 Somero, Philip
 Somero, William
 Somero, William R.
 Souther, William R.
 Spaulding, James
 Stahl, Mauden
 Staple, Wilho
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 *Swallow, Andrew S.
 Taylor, Alfred
 Taylor, Irving
 Taylor, Thaddeus
 Tenney, Theodore
 Thayer, Arthur
 Thayer II, Walter S.
 Thayer, William (Bill)
 Thomas, Joseph
 Thompson, Philip M.
 Thompson, Walter
 Thoms, William (Bill)
 Toko, Leo V.
 Tolman, Charles
 Town, Ezra
 Tucker, Mofes
 Tuttle Jr., Robert
 Vaillancourt, Leonard S.
 Viitanen, Donald
 *Vincent, Pascal Eno
 Walker, Jesse
 *Walker, John K.
 Watkins, Robert
 *Weston, William L.
 Weston, William R.
 *Wheeler, David
 *Wheeler, Josiah P.
 Wheeler, Richard
 Wheeler, Seth
 Wheeler, Stephen
 White Sr., Andrell (Bud)
 Whitney, Christopher
 Whittemore, Charles L.
 Wiiks, Toivo
 Willard, George
 Williams, Isiah H.
 Wilson, Braman I.
 Wilson, Henry
 Wilson, Supply
 Wood, Salom
 Worcester, Nathan
 Wright, Albert F.
 Wright, Charles
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**RESIDENT MARRIAGES REPORT
FOR THE TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>PLACE MARRIED</u>
1/25	Tomasz Jablonski Anna Chorazy	New Ipswich New Ipswich	Hudson
2/12	John M. Griffith Judith A. Lewis	New Ipswich New Ipswich	Nashua
2/15	John S. Sterrett Maryann Hughes	New Ipswich New Ipswich	Milford
4/10	Jovier Castillo Amalicia Diaz	Elsa, Texas Malden, MA	New Ipswich
4/19	Dale B. Kandoll Laurie A. Langille	New Ipswich New Ipswich	Peterborough
4/26	Christophor J. Olds Laurie A. Howard	New Ipswich Milford, NH	New Ipswich
5/23	Michael G. Lawandowski Kristy L. Stark	New Ipswich Milford, NH	Wilton
5/24	Brett M. Kivela Kristen L. Steele	New Ipswich New Ipswich	New Ipswich
6/7	Jered M. Sauvola Jaycee G. Matson	Rindge, NH New Ipswich	New Ipswich
6/12	Alan J. Carbonneau Florina S. Westerland	New Ipswich New Ipswich	New Ipswich



<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>PLACE MARRIED</u>
6/21	Kevin A. Elrick Sandra E. Shell	New Ipswich New Ipswich	Rindge
6/22	Eric R. Stevens Marcella M. Krook	Esko, MN New Ipswich	New Ipswich
6/27	Michael D. Vincent Melanie A. Roussel	New Ipswich New Ipswich	Nashua
7/26	Leger, Donald J. Christen D. Poirier	New Ipswich New Ipswich	Rindge
8/2	James N. Caissie Hidee M. Dicostanzo	New Ipswich New Ipswich	New Ipswich
8/3	Darrell R. Seppala Kimberly J. Hakala	Taylor, SC New Ipswich	Rindge
8/9	Nicholaus E. Worden Maria E. Caron	New Ipswich New Ipswich	Rindge
8/15	Edward W. Caouette Carole K. Barnhart	New Ipswich New Ipswich	New Ipswich
8/16	Jared M. Levangie Rachel E. Wing	New Ipswich New Ipswich	Rindge
8/23	Daniel J. Langille Erin M. Jakoby	New Ipswich New Ipswich	Jaffrey
8/30	John M. Desharnais Alesha M. Forand	New Ipswich Weare, NH	Sutton



<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>PLACE MARRIED</u>
9/6	Andrew M. Vaillancourt Sarah B. Craig	New Ipswich New Ipswich	Greenville
9/10	Shawn A. Bresnee Crystle P. Pishon	New Ipswich New Ipswich	Milford
9/12	Jason H. Wilbur Angela M. Taylor	Jaffrey, NH New Ipswich	Rindge
10/26	Jason G. Vaillancourt Raven M. Anderson	New Ipswich New Ipswich	New Ipswich
11/15	Jeffrey Richard Hakala Suzanne Maria Martel	New Ipswich New Ipswich	Rindge
11/29	Richard Thomas Surace II Rebecca Lillian Towne	New Ipswich New Ipswich	Peterborough
12/6	Frederic Manuel Cara Lee Brockelbank	New York City New Ipswich	Rindge
12/17	Kenneth James Burke Susan Anuporn Larry	New Ipswich New Ipswich	Jaffrey
12/20	Raymond Wiljo Kandoll Jolene Allyssa Seppala	Lyman, SC New Ipswich	New Ipswich
12/24	William E. Manser Kimberly A. Laney	Royalston, MA New Ipswich	New Ipswich



**RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT
FOR THE TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>MOTHER/FATHER</u>	<u>BIRTH PLACE</u>
1/8	Alyson Rebecca Grovesteen	Cheri Grovesteen Jonathan Grovesteen	Nashua
1/15	Molly Grace McNeary	Jennifer McNeary Kevin McNeary	Nashua
1/20	Sierra Rose Aho	Danielle Aho Scott Aho	Peterborough
1/21	Brienna Rae Muhonen	Shauna Muhonen Jeffrey Muhonen	Peterborough
1/27	Owen William Pineo	Cheryl Pineo Arthur Pineo	Nashua
2/4	Darren Adrien Bertram	Maria Bertram Jeffrey Bertram	Leominster, MA
2/6	Devin Robert Lundgren	Aubrey Lundgren David Lundgren	Peterborough
2/10	Denver Scott Wooster	Kristel Wooster Scott Wooster	Peterborough
2/11	Kamaeya Louise Hoard	Tanyasue Hoard Jesse Hoard	Keene
2/13	Jairus Michael Seppala	Kathryn Seppala Juha Seppala	Peterborough
2/22	Tristan Paul Lehtonen	Melanie Lehtonen Derek Lehtonen	Peterborough
3/1	Jonathan David Sawyer	Stacy Sawyer Jonathan Sawyer	New Ipswich
3/3	Abigail Katria Matson	Katria Raiii Matson Jacob William Matson	New Ipswich
3/14	Mary Elizabeth Adams	Theresa Adams Allen Adams	Peterborough

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>MOTHER/FATHER</u>	<u>BIRTH PLACE</u>
3/17	Cameron Richard Smith	Tracie Smith Paul Smith	Nashua
3/19	Austin David Rautiola	Michelle Rautiola Kaleb Rautiola	Peterborough
3/20	Parker Davis Hammann	Michaelle Hammann Frederick Hammann	Peterborough
3/27	Madison Jade Bertram	Martha Bertram Dean Bertram	Peterborough
4/3	Hannah Rose Deschenes	Jean-Marie Deschenes Richard Deschenes	Keene
4/15	Sharli Pearl Aho	Clarissa Aho Clinton Aho	Keene
4/15	Maible Agnes Daly	Heather Daly Daniel Daly	Gardner, MA
4/25	Nicholas James Tessier	Kelly Tessier Christopher Tessier	Leominster, MA
4/30	Davin James Somero	Myra Somero David Somero	Peterborough
4/30	Bryce Anders Traffie	Marcy Traffie Kurt Traffie	Peterborough
5/5	Joshua Daniel Parr	Lisa Parr Daniel Parr	Nashua
5/7	Anastasia Robyn Halliday	Samantha Halliday Robert Halliday	Gardner, MA
5/8	Emma Elizabeth Jamer	Colleen Jamer Michael Jamer	Concord, MA
5/13	Samuel Mark Leo Paris	Kimberly Paris Mark Paris	Nashua
5/21	Ivana Marie Somero	Lynette Somero Glen Somero	Peterborough

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>MOTHER/FATHER</u>	<u>BIRTH PLACE</u>
5/22	Kaylin Lorraine Stacy	Dawn Stacy Wayd Stacy	Peterborough
5/27	Kaleb Jeffrey Salmonson	Rachel Salmonson Joshua Salmonson	Peterborough
5/31	Caleb Matti Aho	Brenda Aho Clayton Aho	Peterborough
6/9	Jace David Movsessian	Dana Marie Movsessian Jason Movsessian	Manchester
6/15	Daen Levi Somero	Lisa Somero Raymond Somero	New Ipswich
6/18	Alivia Lesley Kantola	Samantha Kantola Karl Kantola	Keene
6/19	Nicholas Cole Grueter	Laura Grueter Nicholas Grueter	Peterborough
7/1	Isabella Diane Knisley	Wanda Knisley Jared Knisley	Peterborough
7/3	Blaine Eric Krook	Emily Krook Benjamin Krook	Peterborough
7/22	Ryan James Goodrich	Jessica Goodrich Mark Goodrich	Peterborough
7/27	Mason Glenn Bertram	Elisabeth Bertram Marion Bertram	Keene
8/18	Connor Dylan Traffie	Naomi Traffie Nels Traffie	Peterborough
9/5	Megan Amanda Rose Salmela	Maiya Salmela Erik Salmela	Peterborough
9/21	Sydney Anne Bane	Dawn Bane Willis Bane	Peterborough
9/23	Raymond Ian James Lamoureux	Karolyn M. Lameureux Scott Raymond	New Ipswich

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>MOTHER/FATHER</u>	<u>BIRTH PLACE</u>
9/23	Spencer Eric Dilda	Kerstin Dilda Eric Dilda	Peterborough
9/25	Nicole Otera Geanuracos	Stephanie Geanuracos	Peterborough
10/9	Dylan Thomas McLaughlin	Cynthina McLaughlin Scott McLaughlin	Peterborough
10/11	Hughinn Boone Somero	Claire Somero Buck Somero	Peterborough
10/22	Maxwell Paul Somero	Amy Somero Lars Somero	Peterborough
10/26	Josiah Edward Barthelmess	Rebecca Barthelmess Sebastian Barthelmess	Nashua
10/29	Carolena Irma Ojala	Laura Ojala Hans Ojala	Peterborough
11/3	Jessamyn Elmi Kuusisto	Renee Kuusisto Eric Kuusisto	New Ipswich
11/6	Rachel Helene Swanson	Brenda Swanson David Swanson	Nashua
11/7	Brent Dean Hannu	Sonya Hannu Dean Hannu	Peterborough
11/7	Lindsey Lorene Waugh	Rebecca Waugh William Waugh	Peterborough
11/16	Aidan Townley Paju	Marlo Marrotte William A. Paju	New Ipswich
11/23	Garrett Shane Bowser	Valerie Bowser Jeffrey Bowser	Peterborough
11/30	Kirsten Lee Somero	Nancy Somero Dwayne Somero	Lebanon, NH
12/9	Jackson Robert Cocozella	Deborah Clark John Cocozella	Peterborough
12/25	Leanna Marie Lampron	Stacy Lampron Jason Lampron	Peterborough

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
1/14	Peter P. Somero	New Ipswich
1/21	Robert S. Shaw	Peterborough, NH
1/22	William H. Thoms	New Ipswich
1/26	Paul J. Stralitz	Nashua, NH
1/31	Stephen J. Daley	New Ipswich
3/21	Lawrence A. Rodenhiser	Peterborough, NH
3/27	Leo P. Koivula	Peterborough, NH
4/1	Richard G. Hewitt	Peterborough, NH
4/7	Jeannette M. Bolevich	Jaffrey, NH
6/7	Vicki Peringer	Nashua, NH
6/13	Edmund W. Machnig	Keene, NH
7/4	Francis Patterson	Peterborough, NH
8/11	Karen Lane	Peterborough, NH
8/18	Alan Thompson	New Ipswich
8/18	William C. French	New Ipswich
8/22	Edeltraut V. Ellison	New Ipswich
9/7	Aurore E. Rousseau	Peterborough, NH
11/1	Evelyn Gertrude Wiik	New Ipswich
12/8	Adam E. Hamel	New Ipswich

**BURIALS IN SACRED HEART CEMETERY,
CENTER CEMETERY, OR SMITHVILLE CEMETERY
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
11/13/02	Jeannette Proulx	95	
1/4/03	Helen Bateman	71	Dexter, ME
1/14/03	Braden Philip Somero	57	Lebanon, NH
1/22/03	Roland Glendon Caron	69	Nashua, NH
2/10/03	Monique Alexcina Alton	82	Nashua, NH
2/26/03	Marie Anna Vaillancourt	83	Greenville, NH
3/13/03	Hortense Monique Bergeron	68	Peterborough, NH
3/18/03	Aline Marie Bourgeois	94	Greenville, NH
3/25/03	Theodore Joseph Alton	83	Manchester, NH
4/16/03	Arthur A. Dicker	80	Fitchburg, MA
6/13/03	Edna Eva Belanger	86	Goffstown, NH
6/22/03	Andrew Douglas Whalen	26	Bennington, NH
6/12/03	Harold W. Simila	70	Greenville, NH
7/16/03	Rita M. Plummer		Lebanon, NH
7/20/03	Rose Marie Twiss	95	Jaffrey, NH
7/29/03	Rita V. Champagne	82	Greenville, NH
8/7/03	Ronald Francis Basha	83	Florida
11/2/03	Julienne Fournier		Florida
12/03/03	Rose Aimee Belanger	79	Keene, NH

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

TOWN CLERK:	Monday 9:00 to 12:30, 1:30 to 4:00; Tuesday 1:00 to 7:00; Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 to 12:30, 1:30 to 4:00; last Saturday of the month 9:00 to 12:00
TAX COLLECTOR:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 to 12:30, 1:30 to 4:00; Thursday 4:00 to 8:00
SELECTMENS OFFICE:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 to 12:30, 1:30 to 4:00. Meetings are Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.
ASSESSORS OFFICE:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 to 12:30, 1:30 to 4:00. Meetings are Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
PLANNING BOARD:	Meetings are on the first and third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	Meetings are on the first Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
CONSERVATION COMMISSION:	Meetings are on the second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

PHONE NUMBERS

Town Clerk: 878-3567

Tax Collector: 878-5068

Selectmen, Assessing, Planning, Zoning, Conservation: 878-2772

Highway: 878-2447

Police (non-emergency): 878-2771

Fire Department: 878-1364

Landfill: 878-3179

Emergency Management Office: 878-4515